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# 'Line of credit is public debt'



DA'OK ACADEMY GRADUATES

A total of 10 students graduate from the Da'ok Academy last June 13 in a ceremony at the Pacific Islands Club's Charley's Cabaret, with Donovan Y. Kapileo leading the pack. ERWIN ENCINARES

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# Dead electrician's siblings hire lawyer

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE ferdie\_delatorre@saipantribune.com REPORTER

The Philippine-based siblings of a dead electrician who left behind \$20,794 in a bank account has hired a Saipan lawyer to claim the money as heirs.

Charity R. Hodson filed yesterday before the Superior

Court a notice of her appearance as lawyer for the siblings of Eduardo Ocampo David.

Hodson said the siblings are Maria Gina O. David-Cuenco, Monlisa Hodson Ocampo David, Marlene



Avelino David Jr., Elizabeth Ocampo David-Sta. Ana, and Olivia Ocampo David.

As this developed, Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho denied yesterday

Ocampo David, the request of Joey P. San

Nicolas to postpone the status conference in the case that is currently set for tomorrow, Thursday, at 9am.

San Nicolas is the new counsel for Juan A. Gacayan, who is the last employer of deceased David and was appointed as administrator of David's estate.

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jon\_perez@saipantribune.com REPORTER

all it a line of credit or what you will, but Attorney General Edward Manibusan insists it should be considered a public debt.

The Torres administration had asked the Marianas Public Land Trust for \$15 million it plans to use to pay the Settlement Fund and bonds

obligation but refuses to call it a debt, insisting on the term "line of credit."

That led to the submission See LINE on Page 4

## CPA-CUC settlement OK'd

» Omnibus agreement provides \$7.2M offsetting payment, CPA to get free water

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE

The Commonwealth Ports Authority board approved yesterday an omnibus settle-

ment agreement between CPA and the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. to resolve longstanding disputes relating to utilities and water charges, as well as easement and access/ right to use.

The agreement went through on six yes votes, according to CPA board chair Kimberlyn King-Hinds during the meeting.

Aside from King-Hinds, See CPA-CUC on Page 4



Commonwealth Ports Authority board chair Kimberly King-Hinds presides over a board meeting yesterday.



## LOCAL

More than a hundred participants attended the first-ever Walk of Honor last Friday.

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## **ASIA**

The Philippine president urged calm amid an outcry over the sinking of a Filipino fishing boat

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## LIFE & STYLE

Shania Twain has announced her return to Las Vegas for a new residency, starting December.

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## Local

## Winners of 75th anniversary contests named

By MARC VENUS

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The 75th Anniversary of the Battle of Saipan and Tinian Committee named the winners of its wreath, art, and poetry contests last Friday during the Walk of Honor ceremony at the Veterans Memorial in Kilili Beach.

The wreath competition was hosted for elementary and middle schools. The theme surrounded the commemoration of the 75th anniversary of the Battles of Saipan and Tinian. There was also a twist to this competition—the wreaths could only be made of recyclable materials. The committee wanted students to understand the importance of the battles.

The art contest had two separate divisions: K to 2nd grade and 3rd to 5th grade. Participants were tasked to create art that was related to the battles of Saipan and Tinian.

The poetry competition also had two separate divisions: middle school and high school. Participants made poems related to the struggles during the battles of Saipan and Tinian.

Chacha Ocean View Middle School topped the wreath competition, while San Vicente Elementary School took second place. Completing the Top 3 was Tanapag Middle School.

In the K to 2nd grade divi-

sion of the art contest, Kyrie Sarai Palec of SVES took first place. Second and third place went to Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary School students George Moses and Gianna Rose Moses, respectively.

In the 3rd to 5th grade divi-

sion of the art contest, Kagman Elementary School student Isa Nishitani took first place. Second and third place went to Garapan Elementary School student Marlin Chang and KES student Tina Marie Kineshi respectively

anna School student Marlin Chang and KES student Tina Marie Kineshi, respectively.

From left to right, 75th Anniversary of the Battle of Saipan and Tinian Committee president Peter Paul Camacho, Saipan Mayor David M. Apatang, poetry contest third placer Jennifer Crolla, second placer Anhkiet Milad Junyh Jr., contest winner Allison Somo Sumor, and Superintendent of NMI and Guam national parks Barbara Alberti pose for a picture last Friday during the Walk of Honor ceremony at the Veterans Memorial in Kilili Beach.

In the middle school division of the poetry contest, Jazlyn Mafnas of Tanapag Elementary School took first place. There were no second and third placers.

Lastly, for the high school division of the poetry contest, Allison Somol Sumor of Da'ok Academy took first place. Second and third place went to Kagman High School student Anhkiet Milad Huyn, Jr. and Marianas High School student Jennifer Crolla, respectively.

Winners were presented with trophies and medals at the Walk of Honor ceremony.

## Youth Pride Walk on Friday

Pride Marianas Youth, composed of friends and families of LGBTQ+youth, would like to invite the public to the first-ever Youth Pride Walk on Friday, June 21, at the Carolinian Utt in Garapan. The event will begin at 2pm leading up to the walk at 3pm.

This event, called Rainbow Walk, aims to show support for the LGBTQ+youth as well as increase awareness of the issues faced by the local LGBTQ+youth community.

Before the walk begins, there will be face painting and sign-making stations for interested participants. Free "Pride" pins will also be given to participants with other give-aways while supplies last.

The walk will begin from the Carolinian Utt to the Paseo de Marianas. The Pride crosswalk—the crosswalk in front of the Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan and Paseo de Marianas painted in rainbow colors—will be unveiled and there will be a proclamation signing at 5pm.

The proclamation states that June will be considered as Pride Month.

The Rainbow Walk will be the first-ever Pride crosswalk in the Marianas.

The mission of Pride Marianas Youth is to "spread the message of inclusivity and importance of the LGBTQ+ youth and the LGBTQ+ community. We strive to repaint the skies a more beautiful and compassionate place for all to set sail and create... a million dreams for the world we're going to make."

For more information, contact the Garrett Lee Smith Youth Suicide Prevention Program at (670) 664-5433. (Marc Venus)





# Visitor arrivals at 38K in May—

Arrivals to the islands of Saipan, Tinian, and Rota reached 38,262 visitors in May 2019 compared to 46,093 in May 2018, a 17-percent decrease, according to the Marianas Visitors Authority.

Korea had another month of steady recovery since Super Typhoon Yutu, posting 17,750 visitor arrivals and retaining its position as the top-performing source market for the Marianas. However, due to the downsizing of Asiana Airlines' aircraft and the decreased frequency of three air services— T'way Air's and Jeju Air's night service from Incheon and Busan—arrivals from Korea were 20-percent lower overall compared to May 2018.

"While all flights have resumed since Super Typhoon Yutu, we are still seeing major challenges in each of our sources markets," said MVA managing director Priscilla Iakopo. "The important point is to ensure there is sufficient funding available for the MVA to continue to strategically promote and market the destination. Tourism is the Marianas' primary economic driver. We are hopeful that revenue will improve."

Arrivals from China were 13-percent off last year's mark at 16,728 visitors in May. The market is facing a rising RMB-USD exchange rate as a result of U.S.-China tensions, which is also making tourists more hesitant to travel to U.S. destinations and increasing pressure on main charter flight operators to book tourists for the Marianas. The MVA is keeping its pulse on the situation through regular communication with key travel industry representatives, and several promotional activities in May aimed to counter the downturn in arrivals. A media familiarization tour focusing on the Taste of the Marianas International Food Festival & Beer Garden and participation in one of the most influential tourism events in China-Internationale Tourismus-Börse Shanghai—as well as 2019 Shandong (Jinan) Tourism Expo and road shows organized by other tourism partners.

Japan posted 671 visitors for the month, 46-percent lower than May 2018 when daily direct flights operated between Narita and Saipan.

### **Economic highlights**

The Bank of Korea announced South Korea's gross domestic product contracted by 0.3 percent in the first quarter, the biggest decline in a decade. The Korea Development Institute said that at the current level of productivity South Korea's average growth could

slow to 1.7 percent a year in the next decade. According to the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, and Transport, the number of air passengers totaled 30.57 million during the first three months of the year, exceeding 30 million for the first time. The average USD/ won exchange rate in May was 1174.07 won, a slight increase from the previous rate of 1137.12 won in April.

Tourists from China to the United States dropped for the first time in 15 years, despite that the total outbound trips of Chinese tourists rose significantly. Data released on May 28, 2019, by the U.S. National Travel and Tourism Office showed that the number of Chinese tourists travelling to the United States fell 5.7 percent to 2.9 million in 2018. The looming trade war between the two of the world's most powerful economies has caused notable market disruptions with tensions only looking to escalate in the foreseeable future.

Japan National Tourism Organization reported that the number of Japanese overseas travelers was up 22.8 percent year on year, reaching 1,666,500 in April 2019, approximately 300,000 more travelers than a year earlier. (MVA)



Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, seated second from left, receives from Office of Insular Affairs director Nikolao Pula, seated second from right, \$2.4 million from the Office of Insular Affairs yesterday morning. Standing from left to right, Matthew Deleon Guerrero, OIA CNMI desk officer Francisco I. Taitano, Commonwealth Health Care Corp. chief financial officer Derek Sasamoto, OIA grants management specialist for the CNMI Krystina B. Alfano, CNMI Office of Grants management administrator Epiphanio E. Cabrera Jr., senior policy advisor Glenna SP Reyes, CNMI Department of Public Works director of administrative services Peter Camacho, Commonwealth Ports Authority chairwoman Kimberlyn King-Hinds, press secretary Kevin Bautista, and OIA CNMI field representative Harry Blanco. Seated from left to right, chief of staff Angel A. Demapan and Finance Secretary David DLG Atalig.

## CNMI is awarded \$2.M in OIA assistance funds

Office of Insular Affairs director Nikolao Pula met with Gov. Ralph DLG Torres and other CNMI officials on Capital Hill yesterday to formally award over \$2.4 million in Technical Assistance Program and Maintenance Assistance Program funding for the CNMI.

The \$2,409,879 in TAP and MAP funding will be allocated for the following priority projects:

- \$1.5 million to the Office of the Governor for central government unmet needs resulting from impacts of Super Typhoon Yutu.
  - \$195,253 to the Com-

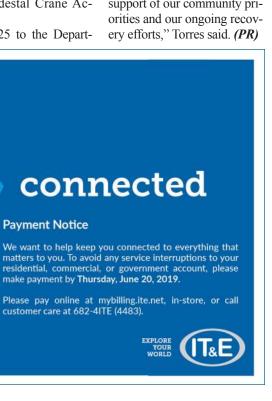
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Corp.'s hospital critical care equipment upgrade and replacement.

- \$184,996 to the Department of Finance and Office of Grants Management for fixed asset inventory and property management reconciliation. ■ \$30,000 to the Com-
- monwealth Health Care Corp. for its proposal on achieving health equity through workforce development.
- \$220,605 to the Municipality of Rota for the Rota Seaport Pedestal Crane Acquisition
- \$279,025 to the Depart-

monwealth Health Care ment of Public Works' Division of Solid Waste for the acquisition of tire-shredding equipment.

"The CNMI has benefited greatly from the partnership we have had with Assistant Secretary Doug Domenech, Director Nik Pula, and the Office of Insular Affairs over the last several years, and this award is just another product of our shared goal to improve the lives of the people of the Marianas. We are very thankful to OIA for the continued support of our community pri-





# FMS promotes 103 to high school

By ERWIN ENCINARES REPORTER

The Francisco M. Sablan Middle School promoted 103 students last June 11 at a promotion ceremony at the Pacific Islands Club's club pavilion, with Ellala Limoico as class valedictorian and Jasmine John as salutatorian.

"...After all the challenges we had this school year, today really summarizes everything they worked hard for," FMS vice principal Carla Sablan said.

"Our valedictorian really wanted to congratulate everyone for their hard work. She thanked her teachers and everyone who has...influenced them to get to this day," Sablan said of Limoico.

The salutatorian's speech, according to Sablan, had a similar tone.

"They both emphasized how hard they worked for today and that they were ready for high school," she noted.

It was FMS' first promotion ceremony.

"...This is their first step toward high school and adulthood," said FMS principal James Sablan said in his address. "We were challenged and we thank the teachers [and parent's support] with the double sessions, but I also challenge the government to also think about investing in our school because in the past

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average citizen-who usu-

ally end up having to shoulder

some of the costs—is relieved.

deal," she said.

"So, I think it's a great

In a separate interview,

King-Hinds said CPA obvi-

ously owes CUC, which is the

issue with their billing, so this

agreement basically settles

that dispute with regards to

the settlement, they are giv-

ing CUC access to the 67

water wells that they have

been using over the course of

King-Hinds said with the

CPA board's approval, the

agreement will go to CUC

She said the Common-

wealth Public Utilities Com-

mission is also required to

board for final approval.

She said in exchange for

CPA's water charges.

many years.



**ELLALA LIMOICO** Valedictorian

50 years, we only built one classroom building."

According to James Sablan,



JASMINE JOHN Salutatorian

school year 2019 marked the 50th anniversary of the school's establishment.

## LINE

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of two questions to the Office of the Attorney General's Office. In response, Manibusan said the line of credit is a public debt that will be funded by the revenues from the MPLT investment income, which is remitted annually to the CNMI government for legislative appropriation.

Manibusan, however, said the line of credit could not be considered as operating expenses. "Disaster relief and recovery expenses are extraordinary and unexpected expenses that are not normal government operating expenses within the meaning of Section 4 of Article X of the Commonwealth Constitution," he said in a letter to Finance Secretary David Atalig.

Atalig earlier sent two questions to Manibusan to comment on: 1. Is the line of credit from MPLT a public debt as defined by the [CNMI] Constitution? and, if so; 2. Is the purpose of the public debt to pay for disaster relief and recovery expenses considered operating expenses which are prohibited under the Constitution?

Manibusan said Section 3, Public Debt Authorization, states that public debt "may not be authorized or incurred without the affirmative vote of two-third of the members in each house of the Legislature."

He added Section 4, Public Debt Limitation, says "public indebtedness other than bonds or other obligations of the government payable solely from the revenues derived from a public improvement or underin excess of 10 percent of the aggregate assessed valuation of the real property within the Commonwealth."

"Public indebtedness may not be authorized for operating expenses of the Commonwealth government or its political subdivisions," states Section 4.

MPLT board member Pedro R. Deleon Guerrero, meanwhile, is hoping to incorporate an indemnification clause that would protect the trustees from any legal liability, if ever

they decide to approve the government's line of credit

Atalig sought Manibusan's legal guidance, recognizing that future income revenues, which MPLT remits to the general fund annually, would cover the line of credit in a five- to seven-year period.

Deleon Guerrero, however, is still worried about Manibusan's opinion. "I don't feel very comfortable with the interpretation that is coming from the AG. To protect us trustees, we need to have indemnification if and when there are questions to that effect, that we will be protected and that should be under the agreement if and when the trustees decide go ahead and approve the request of LOC," he said.

He said the indemnification clause is important due to the way the AG's opinion was presented. "The way [the] AG's opinion in reference to yes 'you can disburse this fund under such situation' [but] I have to iensure that we are protected. That's why I recommended that provision, that the indemnification clause be included in the contract agreement."

Deleon Guerrero said the MPLT board continues to deliberate, discuss, and weigh all pros and cons before making a decision whether to approve the government's LOC request or not. "I think we're getting there [but] we have many concerns. ... One of [the concerns] is the conditions the AG cited. Which is something that has to be addressed, based on letter, is that in granting the full faith and credit to the CNMI government, it must not exceed the 10 percent of taking may not be authorized the appraised value of the CNMI's properties.

He said the AG's recommendation is for the real properties of the Commonwealth be assessed and evaluated. The CNMI, however, doesn't have any information on the value of its properties.

"So, for the Legislature to approve the full faith and credit of the CNMI government it should fall in that percentage. And we don't have that. So, we will require the government to make such assessment in entertaining this."



The subject awardees of Francisco M. Sablan Middle School.

## CPA-CUC

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the other board members who gave conditional approval to the CUC-CPA omnibus agreement were Roman Tudela Sr., Pete P. Reyes, Barrie C. Toves, Joseph Diaz, and Ramon A. Tebuteb.

CPA has been working with CUC for four years now to resolve their disputes through a settlement agreement.

The agreement gives CUC permanent easement for use and access to 67 water wells on CPA premises on Saipan; the existing CUC water line transporting the water from the well to the CUC island system; CPA's 20-million gallon water tank; and the CUC sand filtration system on CPA premises.

In highlighting some of the terms of the agreement, King-Hinds said the deal also gives CUC the responsibility to maintain the water wells easement. King-Hinds said this will give CPA a continuous water supply from the water resources on its premises—for free. CPA, however, will pay for sewer line charges at an established flat rate.

King-Hinds said this agreement will resolve the specific charges that have been an ongoing dispute between CUC and CPA.

"This agreement basically would provide an offset of charges," said King-Hinds, noting that CPA will pay CUC \$7.2 million as a settlement amount for the disputed water charges and penalty.

"This same amount shall be the amount of consideration for the easement agreement that we will be executing with CUC," she said.

King-Hinds said the issue with CUC's Saipan seaport wharfage fee is fully resolved.

She said CPA will pay CUC the monthly fees for the sewer charges at the estimate amount of 47,000 gallons per day until the installation of an altitude valve by CPA no later than six months, after which the sewer charges shall be based on correct meter readings. King-Hinds said they should be expecting that a meter will be installed.

"This agreement would basically give CPA free water." she said.

They still have accounting issues that they need to address, King-Hinds said

"Because we are signing this agreement today, we want to go back to CUC and say, 'Listen, this back-billing needs to be reflected in previous years and not these fiscal years since the back billing are for those years," she said.

She expects CPA executive director Christopher S. Tenorio to give these accounting issues the highest priority as the approval of the omnibus agreement will be conditioned upon that being resolved.

King-Hinds said that, although she is a lawyer by trade, she does not like getting into the business of litigation, especially between two government agencies.

"I kind of believe in the one government, one Commonwealth approach," said King-Hinds, explaining that whatever CUC absorbs eventually ends up costing utility consumers.

She believes the agreement is a fair deal for both parties.

"I know that we want to be territorial in terms of our property and in our water and all of that but I think that this is the CUC board that a draft of a a win-win for both CPA and CUC," King-Hinds said.

More importantly, pointed out, the impact on the approve it. 'So it's a conditional approval," the chairwoman added.

CUC last reported that CPA's debt to CUC now stands at \$17.7 million.

CUC executive director Gary P. Camacho recently informed memorandum of understanding was delivered to CPA for review and approval to settle CPA's debt with CUC.

## explain how an employer or non-family member can inherit the money without a will.

The judge said no money may be transferred or distributed without first having a public hearing and the issuance of a written court order.

Probate hearings are open to the public.

David, a Filipino electrician on Saipan and Tinian, died at age of 60 at the Commonwealth Health Center on Oct. 15, 2018, or more than a week after he had a heart attack. His remains were flown to the Philippines last November.

married and has no children,

died without leaving a will.

Gacayan wants to get the money, telling the court that David had given instruction that the money should be given to him.

dered Gacayan to explain at the hearing how a non-family individual can inherit money from a decedent without a will.



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Camacho ordered San Nicolas and Gacayan to appear in court at the same schedule.

Camacho said at Thursday's hearing, he will set another hearing date for Gacayan to

David, who has never been

But Camacho recently or-



We are proud to announce that the graduating students have been accepted to the following colleges and universities:

- Baylor University
- Bellevue College
- CSU Longbeach
- Cypress Community College
- Emory
- Liberty University
- Michigan State University
- Northern Mariana College
- Oklahoma Christian University of Mary-Harden Baylor
- Pepperdine University

- Portland State University
- San Diego State University
- Seattle Central College
- Seattle University
- Southwestern Assemblies of God University
- Syracuse University
- Temple University Tokyo
- UC Berkeley
- UC San Diego
- UNC Chapel Hill

- University of Cincinatti
- University of Idaho
- University of Massachuttes
- University of Mindanao
- University of Portland
- University of San Francisco
- University of Southern California
- University of the Pacific
- Utah State University
- Washington State University

## CUC maintains advisory about chemical presence in water

ties Corp. has maintained its health advisory about levels of PFOS and PFOA that exceed the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency standards.

In a statement yesterday, CUC said it has detected levels of PFOS and PFOA that exceed the EPA Health Advisory level of 70 parts per trillion in a limited area of its drinking water system.

The affected area includes the following villages: Chalan Laulau, Iliying, Chalan Kiya, As Terlaje, Kannat Tabla, Fina Sisu, San Jose, and parts of southern Garapan, Gualo Rai, Susupe, As Lito, and As Perdido.

CUC is advising consumers in these areas to avoid ingesting the water at this time and until the concentrations of PFOS and PFOA are below the health advisory level. Consumers should not drink tap water, cook with tap water, or make ice for consumption with tap water. CUC is making this advisory action to help the affected population limit their lifetime exposure to

these chemicals.

### History

On May 19, 2016, EPA issued new nationwide drinking water health advisories regarding two chemical contaminants: perfluorooctane sulfonate and perfluorooctanoic acid. These health advisories are based on the latest science available and help local water systems and regulatory agencies take appropriate steps to address PFOA and PFOS if needed. PFOS and PFOA are humanmade substances and are not naturally found in the environment. They have been used extensively in commercial goods (carpets, clothing, furniture, paper packaging for food) and in materials that are resistant to water, grease or stains such as cookware. They are also used in firefighting foams at airfields and in a number of industrial processes. Between 2000 and 2002, PFOS was voluntarily phased out of production in the U.S. by its primary manufacturer.

While consumer products are a large source of human exposure to these chemicals, drinking water can be an additional source of exposure in communities where these chemicals have entered and contaminated water plies. Such contamination is typically localized and associated with a specific facility, for example, an airfield at which they were used for firefighting.

EPA has established lifetime health advisories of 70 parts per trillion for combined concentrations of PFOA and PFOS in drinking water. EPA health advisories include a margin of protection from adverse health effects when consumed at these levels over a lifetime.

Studies indicate that exposure to PFOA and PFOS over certain levels may result in adverse health effects, including developmental effects to fetuses during pregnancy or to breastfed infants (e.g., low birth weight, accelerated puberty, skeletal variations),

cancer (e.g., testicular, kidney), liver effects (e.g., tissue damage), immune effects (e.g., antibody production and immunity), thyroid effects and other effects (e.g., cholesterol changes).

### What CUC has done

In compliance with EPA and Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality requirements, CUC conducted unregulated contaminant monitoring of its drinking water supplies in 2015 and 2016. In May 2016, EPA and BECQ requested that CUC conduct follow-up monitoring of its supplies for PFOA and PFOS. CUC conducted additional testing in June 2016 and continues to conduct additional monitoring. The results of this monitoring resulted in CUC removing eight wells in the Isley and Obyan well fields near the Saipan International Airport from service.

### **Updated information**

On April 30, 2019, CUC collected a sample from the As

Terlaje Tank to monitor the concentration levels of PFOS and PFOA in the water supply. The As Terlaje Tank receives water from the suspected source of the initial contamination. Results received by CUC on May 20, 2019, indicated the concentration of PFOS and PFOA was 72.6 parts per trillion, exceeding the health advisory of 70 parts per trillion . The As Terlaje Tank provides water to the following areas: Chalan Laulau, Iliying, Chalan Kiya, As Terlaje, Kannat Tabla, Fina Sisu, San Jose, and parts of southern Garapan, Gualo Rai, Susupe, As Lito, and As Perdido.

### What CUC is doing about the problem

It is not possible to take all wells containing PFOS and PFOA out of service without dramatically affecting delivery of water to customers. The goal is to reduce the combined concentration from all wells to below the health advisory level. To achieve this goal,

CUC is taking the following measures:

- 1. CUC has removed from service eight wells with elevated levels of PFOS and PFOA.
- 2. CUC will continue to test the concentration of PFOS and PFOA in all the wells presently supplying water to the areas affected by this advisory.
- 3. CUC will also continue to monitor for these contaminants at the sources surrounding the affected areas.
- 4. CUC will report to BECQ and the community the results of all further testing.
- 5. CUC is presently pursuing funding to purchase and install granular activated carbon (GAC) filtration systems, which have proven to remove these specific contaminants.

For more information about PFOA and PFOS visit EPA's webpage https://www.epa. gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water/drinking-waterhealth-advisories-pfoa-andpfos or contact the BECQ Safe Drinking Water Program at (670) 664-8500. **(PR)** 

## **COMMUNITY BRIEFS**

### **Youth Pride Walk on Friday**

The public invited to the first ever Youth Pride Walk on Friday, June 21, 2019 starting at 2pm at the Carolinian Utt in Garapan. This event aims to show support to the LGBTQ+ youth as well as increase awareness of the issues faced by the LGBTQ+ community. Before the walk begins, there will be face painting and sign making, and free "PRIDE" pins and other items will be given

away. The walk will start at 3pm from the Carolinian Utt to the Paseo de Marianas for the Rainbow Walk unveiling and proclamation signing. Celebrate an amazing afternoon of showing love and support for our beautiful LG-BTQ+ youth and community in the CNMI. (PR)

### MHS Class of '89 reunion

All classmates and their families from MHS Class of '89 are being invited to a 30th year reunion.

The Reunion Mass is on Thursday, June 20, 2019, at 5pm at the Kristo Rai Church. We are inviting families of our deceased classmates to join us to also light their memorial candles during Mass. Immediately after the Mass, there will be a reunion gathering at the residence of the Ivan Propst couple in Susupe.

On Saturday, June 22, 2019, All Class of '89 and their families are invited to a family reunion picnic at Minachum

Atdåo, Civic Center Beach beginning at 9am.

Contact Gernadine Camacho at (670) 783-4465 for more information. (PR)

### **Comments sought** on COTA plan to update limited **English proficiency** policy, plan

The Commonwealth Office of Transit Authority is updating its Limited English Proficiency Policy Plan and Public Participation Plan. A copy of the LEP and the Public Participation Plan can be obtained at COTA. Written comments must be submitted directly to COTA, Suite 216, Marianas Business Plaza, Susupe, Saipan or via email to: alfreda.camacho@gov.mp no later than July 1, 2019, 2pm. For any questions, contact Diego Songsong, COTA community planner, at (670) 664-2682. (PR)

### \$6M in tax refunds in Guam out since

## **Monday**

Last Monday, June 17, the Department of Administration will mail over 1,800 tax refund checks totaling approximately \$6 million including refunds garnished to repay government debts for error free returns filed on or before Feb. 4, 2019.

For inquiries, contact income tax branch, Department of Revenue & Taxation at 671-635-1840 or Mr. Edward Birn, Department of Administration



## **Northern Marianas College**

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## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS **NMC RFP 19-002**

## NMC CREES AQUACULTURE FACILITY PROJECT

Northern Marianas College is soliciting sealed proposal for the renovation, repair and Design and Build of CREES Aquaculture Facility, As Terlaje Campus.

Specifications and Scope of Work packages may be picked up at the NMC Procurement Office, Bldg. O-1 commencing Wednesday, June 19, 2019, between the hours of 9:30-11:30 a.m. and 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Proposal Packages are due no later than 10:00 a.m., July 19, 2019, at Northern Marianas College, As Terlaje Campus, Procurement Office, Bldg. O-1, Administrative Services Office, Saipan, MP 96950.

email to Anita Camacho (anita.camacho@marianas.edu).

Mandatory pre-proposal meeting and Site Inspection: July 03, 2019 from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m., Building J, CREES Conference room.

Discussion may be conducted with responsible offerors who submit proposals determined to be reasonably susceptible of being selected for award for the purpose of clarification and to ensure full understanding of and responsiveness to solicitation requirements. Offerors shall be accorded fair and equal treatment with respect to any opportunity to discussion and revision of proposals, and such revision may be permitted after submission and prior to award for the purpose of obtaining the best and final offers.

NMC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for any reasons and/or to waive any defects in any proposals if, in its sole discretion, to do so will be in the best interest of the College. All proposals shall become the property of NMC.

Anita Camacho NMC Procurement Manager

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

From the COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS COASTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM of the CNMI'S DIVISION OF COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

Date: June 18, 2019

NOTICE: The Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality (BECQ) Division of Coastal Resources Management (DCRM) is currently reviewing a consistency determination request from the United States Department of the Air Force (USAF)-Pacific Air Forces (HQ-PACAF) regarding the proposed Tinian Divert Infastructure Improvements. In summary, the HQ-PACAF has developed a Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) for

- 1. Construct a fuel pipeline from the Tinian Seaport to the Tinian International Airport.
- Improve certain existing roads between the seaport and airport that were previously analyzed for Divert vehicles in the original EIS. The USAF has identified the East Route as the preferred alternative for the pipeline.

information about the federal activities can be found at https://dcrm.gov.mp/wp-content/uploads/crm/SEIS-Tinian-Divert-Activities-Federal-Cons istency -12APR2019.pdf and http://www.pacafdivertmarianaseis.com/documents

Federal consistency is a provision of the Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA) that requires federal actions that affect the coastal zone to be consistent to the maximum extent practicable with the enforceable policies of a coastal state's federally approved coastal

Comments on whether the project is consistent with the enforceable policies of the CNMI's coastal management program can be submitted to the Division of Coastal Resource Management at FedCon@dcrm.gov.mp.

This public notice has been published for compliance with 15 CFR § 930.42, DCRM is soliciting public comments for fourteen days (14) days, starting on June 19, 2019 and ending on July 3, 2019, in order to give the public a sufficient opportunity to develop and provide comments on whether the proposed project is consistent with management program enforceable policies. We welcome your feedback and thank you for your consideration.

at 671-475-1250. (PR) Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY Sablan Building, Civic Center Susupe, P.O. Box 500791 Saipan, MF Telephone; (670) 664-9001 Facsimile; (670) 664-9019

## PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that all vehicles that were impounded by the Department of Public Safety up until the time of this notice will be released to their owners at no charge. You may pick up your vehicle within 30 days of the date of this notice. Vehicles impounded as part of an ongoing investigation will not be released without prior clearance from the Office of the Attorney General and/or the CNMI Courts.

All charges related to the impounding of the vehicle, with the exception of towing fees charged by an outside company, will be waived. Any vehicle that is not claimed within the 30 day time period will be considered abandoned and may be sold and/or disposed of by the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Government.

The vehicle may be retrieved by the following:

- Legal Owner:
- Registered Owner:
- A person authorized by the registered owner on a form provided by the Department of Public Safety;
- Any person in possession of a court order requiring the release of the vehicle.

You will need valid personal identification and proof of vehicle ownership before you will be permitted to retrieve your vehicle. Please contact the DPS Impound Lot at 322-5421 or Sqt. Roy Kaipat at 285-5599 to make the necessary arrangements.

## First 'Walk of Honor' draws hundreds of participants

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More than a hundred participants attended the first-ever Walk of Honor last Friday at the Veterans Memorial at Kilili Beach, in an event that was intended to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Battles of Saipan and Tinian and to honor those who perished in the CNMI during the war.

"Not only are we commemorating the soldiers who have fallen. This walk also commemorates the people who lived here and have fallen," said American Memorial Park lead ranger Brooke Nevitt.

"We will not let the people's sacrifices be in vain, and that, after all these 75 years, we are still resilient," said Pe-

ter Paul Camacho, chairman of the 75th Anniversary of the Battle of Saipan and Tinian Committee.

He added that the people of the CNMI understand adversity and he praised their resiliency in the aftermath of Super Typhoon Yutu.

The Marine Forces Pacific Color Guard led the Walk of Honor participants from the



Saipan Mayor David M. Apatang, 75th Anniversary of the Battle of Saipan and Tinian committee chair Peter Paul Camacho, and two Miss Liberation Day candidates pose for a photo during the Walk of Honor last Friday at the World War II tank by the Quartermaster Road.

## KZMI donates \$2,500 to Joeten Memorial Golf Classic

KZMI Radio 103.9FM has donated \$2,500 cash and in-kind contributions for the upcoming 2019 Joeten Memorial Golf Classic, scheduled for June 22 at Laolao Bay Golf & Resort's east course.

"We would like to thank Bob Webb and KZMI for their generous support, since the success of our event is dependent on donations such as this," according to JMGC's Peter "Dung" Tenorio

The four different sponsorship packages are Founder's Club (\$5,000), Trustees' Club (\$2,500), Eagle Club (\$1,000), and Friends of JCF (\$999 and below).

Scoring will be Stroke Play, Low Gross format. Senior/Ladies Flight will be scored Low Net. First, second, and third place winners in each flight divisions will

each receive prizes.

Holes-in-one can win you a Nissan Titan, Honda Ridgeline, Kia Soul GT, and \$10,000 cash.

The tournament will be followed by an awards banquet and raffle drawing with more chances to win prizes—all for a great cause.

All proceeds of the event supports Joeten's charitable arm, the Daidai Foundation.

For more information.

contact Tenorio at 234-5562 or via email at joetenmgc@joeten.com. (PR)

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO Bob Webb, left, station manager of KZMI Radio 103.9FM, presorganizers of the 2019 Joeten Memorial Golf Classic. with his company's donation.

Veterans Memorial at Kilili Beach to the World War II tank by Quartermaster Road.

Candles were also passed out to honor the memory of those who have fallen

There were a total of three stations along the way and, at the final station, participants were greeted by the Marines Forces Pacific Brass Quintet, which played patriotic music.

Small flags of the United States of America and the CNMI were posted on the sides of the pathway, courtesy of the Saipan Mayor's Office.

The ceremony also featured wreaths that were intended to honor the 75th anniversary since the Battles of Saipan and Tinian.

"The turnout was great, we are so happy to have the Marine Corps here with their band," Nevitt said.

The walk has been planned since last year. The committee chose to celebrate the Walk of Honor on June 14 is because it is the eve of invasion day, when American forces seized Saipan and Tinian from their Japanese defenders.



Maintenance



## 10 graduate from Da'ok Academy

A total of 10 students graduated from the Da'ok Academy last week at the Pacific Islands Club's Charley's Cabaret, with Donovan Y. Kapileo leading the pack last June 13.

Kapileo was recognized with this year's overall achievement award, which signifies a student's excellent academic performance. He also received at least two certificates of achievements in other subjects.

"Finally done," Kapileo said. "I don't know what to say, I was not expecting this award."

Kapileo wishes to join the U.S. Air Force.

Kapileo originally attended Kagman High School and has been at the Da'ok Academy for a year.

He completed his high school requirements with Principal Award recipient Wilfredo Francisco Jr.; Governor's Leadership Award recipient Franklin DLS Lizama; Shark Award recipient Trygve Palacios; Efrain P. Camacho; Moesha Jeanel C. Kaipat; Mark Hadley Manahane; Keith Casey Manuel; Francisco Olopai; Vincent SalDela Rosa Sablan Jr.; Rush B. (Erwin Encinares)

lem Robert; Gregory Manuel Tatuwo, and Mika R. Tokyo.



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**8** WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19, 2019 SAIPAN TRIBUNE

# Walk of Honor

**Photos by MARC VENUS** 



U.S. Navy chaplain Lt. Marquis Jones delivers the invocation during the first-ever Walk of Honor ceremony last Friday at the Veterans Memorial at Kilili Beach. The event was intended to mark the 75th anniversary this year of the Battles of Saipan and Tinian and honors the veterans of those battles.

Participants walk to the final station during the

first-ever Walk of Honor last Friday.



Members of the Marine Forces Pacific Color Guard pose for a picture during the first-ever Walk of Honor ceremony last Friday at the Veterans Memorial at the Kilili Beach.



American Memorial Park members and volunteers pose for a picture with Commonwealth Office of Transit Authority mobility specialist John Demapan, third right, during the first-ever Walk of Honor ceremony last Friday at the Veterans Memorial at Kilili Beach.





American Memorial Park lead ranger Brooke Nevitt provides instructions for participants during the first-ever Walk of Honor ceremony last Friday at the Veterans Memorial at Kilili Beach.





The Marine Forces Pacific Brass Quintet performs during the first-ever Walk of Honor last Friday at the World War II tank by the Quartermaster Road.

Participants talk to members at a stamping station during the first-ever Walk of Honor last Friday at the Veterans Memorial at Kilili Beach.



Participants begin walking at the first-ever Walk of Honor ceremony last Friday at the Veterans Memorial at Kilili Beach.

## Bill would allow minors to serve alcohol

By JON PEREZ

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A bill to allow those below 21 years old to work as wait staff or bartenders and serve alcoholic drinks has been introduced in the CNMI House of Representatives.

House Bill 21-48, House Draft 1, introduced by Rep. Joel C. Camacho (R-Saipan), would amend existing law and allow 18-year-old individuals to sell and serve alcoholic beverages.

Camacho said he is not encouraging minors to consume alcohol but H.B. 21-48 will provide employment to some high school graduates to enter the CNMI labor force, especially in the hotel and restaurant service industry that is the Commonwealth government's main source of funds and resources.

"This bill will provide many of our high school graduates with an even greater opportunity to get into the job force. By allowing individuals at the age of 18 to serve alcohol [and] not consume, it not only opens the job market for them but for the industries as well," said Camacho.

He said the legislation was written in consultation with the Saipan Chamber of Commerce, the Hotel Association Commerce.

get a chance to build a career try by providing them with the opportunity to be employed. [SCC] said current businesses position where they have to discriminate."

"They discriminate in hiring based on age because they are unable to hire wait staff that are under the age of 21 [because minors] are not allowed to mix, deliver or serve alcoholic drinks to the table of the customers," he said. CNMI law sets 21 as the age for people to handle alcohol.

since the CNMI is currently experiencing issues with the CW1 program and the humanitarian parole, the bill would be partially a solution to the problem. "We have another 10 years to solve this crisis. But, [H.B. 21-48] will make sure that we can provide jobs."

"Like what the [CNMI Public School System] said, we have over 200 graduates [each year]. In addition, this bill also addresses the need to fill in those CW gaps through our people, while reducing our dependence on foreign labor."

of H.B. 21-48 is to help the CNMI's struggling economy "[by] providing opportunities for our people and that is what I am striving to do. We all need to be creative and find ways to help fill that CW workforce gap. I believe that this would help to address that."

## Wanted: Chamorro native speakers

Chamorro native speakers are invited to take our latest Chamorro Psycholinguistic Experiment on Saturday, June 22, from 9am to 1pm at the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library conference room. This experiment will only take 15 minutes. It is not a test, and a flash drive is given to each participant as a gift.

This is a new experiment and those who have taken one or more in the past are encouraged to participate again. This experiment is conducted by a team of three: Drs. Sandy Chung and Matt Wagers from the University of California. Santa Cruz, and Manny F. Borja from Saipan. (PR)

## THE RFP PACKAGE AND SCOPE OF WORK IS AVAILABLE ON OR AFTER JUNE 12, 2019 AT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY, 2ND FLOOR, OLEAI COMMERCIAL CENTER, SAIPAN. A NON-REFUNDABLE PAYMENTOF FIFTY DOLLARS (\$50.00) IS REQUIRED FOR EACH SET. PAYMENT MUST BE MADE TO THE CNMI TREASURER AND A RECEIPT OF PAYMENT MUST

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## **Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands** Commonwealth Judiciary

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## **INVITATION TO BID** ITB19-JUDICIARY-02

### **GUMA' HUSTISIA SKYLIGHT PROJECT**

The Judiciary of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands ("Judiciary") is soliciting sealed bids for its Skylight Project at the Guma' Hustisia, limwal Aweewe, House of Justice building ("Guma' Hustisia"), located at Beach Road, Susupe, Saipan, MP 96950. This project involves the demolition of existing skylights and its replacement with concrete caps and skylights.

A copy of the bid package may be obtained by visiting the Accounting Services Unit's Cashier Window, located next to the main entrance to the Guma' Hustisia, between 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, excluding observed holidays, upon registration completion. The bid package also contains architectural-engineering drawings and specifications that must be retrieved online at www.justice.gov.mp. For website issues preventing access, please contact Budget and Finance Director John T. Villagomez at john.villagomez@justice.gov.mp. A \$25.00 non-refundable fee for the bid package will be assessed. Payment must be made payable to the CNMI Judiciary upon registration and bid package retrieval. Payment may be made by visiting the Accounting Services Unit Cashier Window

Sealed bids, containing one (1) original and three (3) copies must be placed in an envelope marked "ITB19-Judiciary-02, Skylight Project," and submitted in person to the Accounting Services Unit Cashier Window, located next to the Guma' Hustisia's main entrance, Beach Road, Susupe, Sainan, no later than 2:00 p.m. on July 8, 2019 (ChSt).

Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference. A mandatory pre-bid conference followed by a site visit is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on June 26, 2019 at the Judiciary's Supreme Court conference room located at the Guma' Hustisia.

Bid Opening. Bids will be publicly opened and read at 3:00 p.m. on July 8, 2019, at the Judiciary's conference room located at the Guma' Hustisia.

Bid Security. A Bid Security of fifteen (15%) of the total bid price must accompany bids. Bid security must be in a bid bond, in cash, by certified check or cashier's check A surety company shall hold the certificate of authority from the LLS. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General. If a bid bond is submitted, it must be accompanied by an Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC). (ICC may take up to

Bonds, A Payment Bond of one hundred percent (100%) and a Performance Bond of one hundred percent (100%) of the total bid price must be furnished by the successful bidder within five (5) business days of contract execution. The Payment and Performance bonds must be executed by a surety company holdin a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands ("CNMI").

Insurer Certification Clearance (ICC). Bidders shall submit a clearance from the CNMI Department of Commerce, Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code

Surety Questions. Questions and concerns on authorized Surety must be directed to the OIC.

Project Questions. All questions regarding ITB19-Judiciary-02 must be submitted via email to Budget and Finance Director John T. Villagomez at john.villagonez@justice.gov.mp by 12:00 p.m. on June 27, 2019. Responses will be provided to all registered, potential bidders via email no later than July 2, 2019.

Performance Period. The performance period for this project is sixty (60) calendar days, beginning with the date a Notice to Proceed is issued

All bids received shall become the sole property of the Judiciary. The Judiciary reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid that does not affect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Judici

Bidding procedures will be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations currently in effect and with the Northern Mariana Islands Administrative Code (NMIAC) §70-30-3-725 Gratuities and Kickbacks and §70.30.3-730 Prohibition Against Contingent Fees. All wage rates for employees performing the work, labor and services on this project shall be paid at the current U.S. prevailing wage rates established for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

> /s/ Alexandro C. Castro Chief Justice

/s/ John T. Villagomez Budget & Finance Director

## Commonwealth Utilities Corporation Office of the Executive Director



## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS CUC-RFP-19-013, Rev.1

## AGINGAN PRIMARY SCREEN PROJECT

The Office of the Executive Director for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC), is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified vendors for the attainment of a Primary Screen for the Agingan Wastewater Treatment Plant at CUC Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The RFP Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$100.00 (non-refundable) for one RFP package set. The RFP package consisting of the specifications and scope-of-work will be emailed to all registered prospective proposers email ID. Prospective Proposers must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division.

One (1) original and four (5) hard copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-RFP-19-013, Rev.1 Agingan Primary Screen Project" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than July 19, 2019 at 10:00 AM (ChST). Late submissions and conditional proposals will not be considered.

Discussions may be conducted with responsible offerors who submit proposals determined to be reasonably susceptible of being selected for award for the purpose of clarification and to ensure full understanding of and responsiveness to solicitation requirements. Offerors shall be accorded fair and equal treatment with respect to any opportunity to discussion and revision of proposals, and such revision may be permitted after submission and prior to award for the purpose of obtaining the best and final offers. During discussions, there will be no disclosure of any information derived from proposals submitted by competing offerors

All Offeror are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the Offeror due to lack of information or understanding of the proposal requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a proposal or supply under the contract. The RFP does not commit CUC to award a contract, to pay any cost incurred in the preparation of the proposal under this request, or to procure or contract for services. Offeror are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed as per the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All responses to this RFP should take into account any and all taxes, including excise tax, which will become the obligation of the proponent awarded a contract. Proponents shall comply with all applicable CNMI and Federal Laws.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered prospective proposers and must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on July 2, 2019 to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Administrator at email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Westen Knudsen, P.E., Senior Engineer for Water/Wastewater at email address westen.knudsen@cucgov.org and Christie Sablan, CUC Purchasing Administrative Technician, Senior at email address christie.sablan@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for any reason and to waive any defects in said proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

**GARY P. CAMACHO** 

MANNY B. SABLAN **Purchasing Administrator** 

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CAMACHO, DIRECTOR OF TECHNICAL SERVICES DIVISION, 2ND FLOOR OLEAI COMMERCIAL CENTER, SAIPAN NO LATER THAN 04:00 P.M., LOCAL TIME, JULY 08, 2019. A PRE-PROPOSAL CONFERENCE IS SCHEDULED FOR 10:00 A.M., LOCAL TIME, JUNE 26, 2019 AT

PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY **CNMI GOVERNMENT** 

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS** 

RFP NO.: DPW/VAO19-RFP-005

SUBMISSION DATE: JULY 16, 2019 TIME: 10:00 A.M.

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THE PROVISIONS OF THE CNMI PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, NMIAC SECTION 70-30.3-725 AND 70-30.3-730 PROHIBITING GRATUITIES, KICKBACKS AND CONTINGENT FEES SHALL APPLY.

THE CNMI GOVERNMENT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY OR ALL BIDS. OR PORTIONS THEREOF, AND WAIVE IMMATERIAL DEFECTS IF TO DO SO WOULD BE IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE CNMI GOVERNMENT.

/S/ JAMES A. ADA **SECRETARY, DPW** 

/S/ EPIPHANIO E. CABRERA, JR.

**ADMINISTRATOR, OFFICE OF GRANTS** 

/S/JOAQUIN S. REYES ACTING DIRECTOR, P&S 10 WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19, 2019 SAIPAN TRIBUNE

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## **EDITORIAL**

# Time for US Senate to take on climate change

limate change and other consequences of carbon pollution will shape lives around the world for generations, sweeping across class lines and international borders. Lamentably, America's deep partisan divide has become impassable ground for most attempts to confront this worsening crisis. A strong consensus on environmental issues and pragmatic solutions must be developed by our nation's leaders.

Bills now before the U.S. Senate provide distinct opportunities, one modest and one sweeping, to acknowledge reality. Increasingly extreme weather patterns around the globe, rampant wildfires and ocean acidification won't be stemmed without strong action.

As a first step, the Senate needs to stand up to President Donald Trump. The president's spectacularly wrongheaded decision to withdraw America from the Paris climate agreement must be reversed. Senate Bill 1743 and the Housepassed HR 9 would each stop this withdrawal and call for a federal plan for meeting the Paris accord's carbon-reduction standards, which 185 nations have ratified.

That move, advocated by both of Washington's senators, wouldn't heal our world by itself. It would demonstrate that American leadership comprehends the gravity of the global situation and desires meaningful progress.

The version that passed the House received token bipartisan support; three of its 231 "yes" votes came from Republican representatives, all elected from East Coast states. Their Senate counterparts must show similar independence and move a Paris restoration bill forward, even without evidence of a veto-proof majority, to show the world—and the Trump administration—that the Senate has a bipartisan sense of the need for international solidarity.

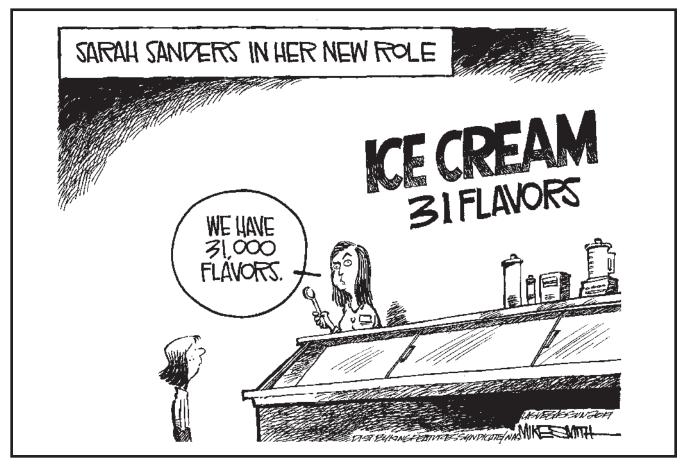
A smaller step toward establishing meaningful environmental consensus has drawn broader bipartisan support within and beyond Washington's House delegation. Rep. Derek Kilmer, a Democrat, worked with Rep. Jaime Herrera Beutler, a Republican, on a bill for innovative solutions to ocean acidification that passed the House 395-22.

Acidification is fed by the same greenhouse-gas pollution that hastens climate change. Carbon waste alters the ocean's chemistry, making waters more acidic. The shellfish business that employs more than 2,700 Washingtonians faces imminent danger from this. According to a 2017 University of Washington study, the \$220 million Dungeness crab industry "will likely suffer" when ocean waters' ongoing progression makes them acidic enough to kill off the tiny creatures crabs eat

High-reward research prize competitions can leverage the private sector's resources with wondrous efficiency. The non-profit XPRIZE Foundation, which dangles research prizes to attract help solving a range of scientific challenges, said its \$10 million 2004 award for private space exploration got 26 teams to produce more than \$100 million worth of research.

The Senate should take note of this rate of return on investment, approve the acidification prize bill and rejoin the world in confronting the consequences of society's advances.

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# Making America happy again

By CAROL GRAHAM
LOS ANGELES TIMES

o make America happy again, society has to figure out how to make our country whole. Understanding what divides Americans—and what gives them hope—could be critical to improving their wellbeing and the nation's.

By tracking patterns in well-being, and creating programs based on the results, we can take steps toward tackling the malaise that afflicts many of us, including the physically and mentally stressed, the jobless, the aging and those struggling with drug use.

Surveying well-being and ill-being involves asking people how satisfied they are with their lives, what their hopes for the future are and whether they recently experienced such emotions as anger or contentment.

When I explored such surveys for my 2017 book on well-being, some surprising patterns emerged. Chief among them: Wellbeing is more unequal in the U.S. across race and income groups than in many other countries.

Happiness has fallen the most over time among the white population (particularly males) and (less surprisingly) the least educated. Distress was greatest among those in middle age. And African Americans were much more optimistic and hopeful than their white counterparts.

It's long been reported that optimists live longer and healthier lives. My recent research has found that to be true among those born between 1935 and 1945 and still alive in 2015.

When civil and gender rights improved in the 1970s, women and African Americans became increasingly optimistic. At the same time, less-educated white men became decidedly less optimistic as the manufacturing sector declined, a downward turn that could be related to a loss in status.

Research a colleague and I conducted on well-being surveys shows that the same people and places that reflect the greatest losses in optimism (and increases in worry) in recent years are the most vulnerable to the deaths of despair (because of suicide, drug overdose and alcohol) that are driving up the country's overall mortality rate.

In addition, mental distress is often compounded by physical pain. A study titled "Unhappiness and Pain in Modern America," published this month in the Journal of Economic Literature, analyzed data from 30 countries around the world and showed that Americans reported experiencing significantly more pain than respondents in the other countries.

The pain of some Americans can be attributed to years of physical labor or the lack of access to good healthcare, problems often compounded by being overweight and obese.

Yet white Americans report significantly more pain than African Americans, who have equally poor or worse health indicators. The disparity may be because of the nature of pain, which is

not only physical. Pain has psychological components too.

The pain Americans say they feel is linked to broader nation-wide trends of hopelessness and desperation. Respondents living in places with higher levels of deaths of despair—such as Appalachia and Youngstown, Pa.—are also more likely to report high levels of pain, according to my research.

Work based on well-being metrics shows that desperation can be reversed. Interventions and simple programs can improve a person's outlook. Such approaches include increasing access to volunteering, the arts and shared green spaces. Simply interacting with members of the community has been shown to raise the well-being of those who have retired or dropped out of the labor force and are often home alone.

In Santa Monica, I worked with a team in 2015 that designed a well-being tracking index and related interventions. When the survey identified social isolation as a marker of low well-being, the city responded with programs that support community engagement. These included group walks, library visits and art projects.

Studying the metrics helps pinpoint trends and identifies the vulnerable. Yet for interventions to be effective, they must also address such underlying causes of unhappiness as drug addiction and joblessness.

The high levels of reported pain in the U.S. also reflect an epidemic of misuse of and addiction to opioids and other painkillers.

In my home state, the Maryland Behavioral Health Administration has programs that teach children growing up with addicted parents how to be resilient, which involves teaching a sense of competency and problem-solving and coping, among other skills. In California, Be Well Orange County is developing such programs.

Much can also be learned from informal safety nets and community support common in African American and Latino communities. These include extended families, churches and other social entities that give purpose and meaning to life beyond an income and a job.

Sociologist Andrew J. Cherlin of Johns Hopkins University has extensively interviewed children of steelworkers from the now-defunct Bethlehem Steel complex in Baltimore. While many of the African American workers faced significant discrimination, many of their children attended college and moved to better neighborhoods. Yet they return most weeks to the church near the factory and reap the psychological benefit of giving back to their community.

One crucial key to making America happy again may lie in understanding the hope and resilience of those who have been traditionally disadvantaged yet still believe in a version of the American dream.

Carol Graham is the author of Happiness for All? and a senior fellow at the Brookings Institution.

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Gi mismu tiempu, namanman i mañan "no siakassu" ginen man-ma`gas siha.

Taya` ansianu na animu mahusgan signifikasioña i masusede kontra linala` tautau ni marepresensenta. Dididi` metgut i diskuidu guine na patte.

Entre mali'e haf' na kuttina tumunug gi sanmena 'sino man-atogante ma-upus pot man-ginacha' induktu. Pot tai ekonomia i tanu' mina debi u guaha sattun na inadahe gi dididi' na guinahata. Lau masaulag "not yet, already" mientras makeke apotsu' haf' i asuntu. Na ti kualidat linala'?

Hiniyuñg \$7 biyon na fiñkas Japones makat pot rason na taya` guinahata. Gi hilu` este na pinadese taya` planun haf` para umapetsige siakassu na didog na pinadese humogse tautauta siha guine.

Seriosu na asuntu ni presisu na uma`atan sa` ladañkulu na pisun halum guma` familia para u luñu` yan sapet `an mas maribaha—ni fondu, ni cho`chu—ekonomian iya Marianas!

Ti komprendiyun i hamueba Japon biyon pesus gi fiñkasña sin konsiderasion linala` tautauta siha guine. Guaha kumetuñgu` haf` i motibu na humuyuñg guine? Seguruyu` na ti asuntun soba` i chinatsaga guine na biahe. Gai tinatte sustansiau na sentimentu ni mauleg ta ketuñgu pronto pot satbasion.

Estague' na ha'ane ti hunanañga pot hu tuñgu' na hita manmamadese 'nai menus aduana 'sino fondu para nesessidatta siha. Kase mauleg ta pañgun tatte bisnis niyog yan mendioka 'an siña tasoda' anineñg niha ni hagas maliñgu.

Gi hilu` este atan sa` esta tatutuhun umusa palabran "utut" diariamente. Masusesede `nai appenas fondu gi kahan i tanu`. Dispues, esta ma-utut oran cho`chu` papa` gi 72 oras kada dos semana. Adahe na umaribaha mas papa` gi 64 oras? Sapet

para mona!

**Dibate:** Guaha inasogne na i kabisiyun PSS umusa salape` para suetdun man-ma`gas mina` ti mattu papa` gi maestro siha. Te`ug na asuntu i usun kalulut apunteria na biahe.

Lau mauleg tali'e kuantu minagahetña 'nai man-ma'gas PSS ma-ayudan maisa siha de hemunus de man-maestro.

Puru kuentus "utut" gi halum tanu` `an-utut! Mas te`ug siempre este na dibate. Kau guaha fondu para este na asuntun gi halum menus fondu? Sahñge inakonfotma yan kau guaha fondu gi kaha.

Makat ta komprende na `nai maribaha aduana gi kaha ya presisu na u guaha ma-utut suetdu na todu parehu u fañaunau gi sakrifisiun utut.

Bes enkuando siempre tali'e uttimu disposision guine na

**Liñguahe:** Gi radio yan kanta siha hu huhuñgug nuebu na finu` Chamoru. Indikasion na guaha finatsu gi haf` dichu i liñguahe.

Mauleg ta korihe yan impatta i dinanche na finu` Chamoru para i famaguonta siha. Liñguahe i kutturan natibu! Solu sahyan ni kumatga enteru finapus tautauta siha guine na petlas deste antigu na tiempu.

Mauleg in' isa linguahita gi halum guma' familia kosake u tutuhun i famaguon man-eyag linguahen niha ni sumustene haf' tinatten niha.

`An guaha diskuidu siempre fuetsau ta displanta famaguonta ginen kutturan niha pot ta dis-attende usun liñguahe. Liñguahe i kuttura. I usuña sumimientu kutturan natibu!

**Lemlem:** Hu soda' dos sainahu gi lanchun niha pa'gu monhayan mana' fañochu i pinegsai siha. Dispues marikohe trastes (machete, kama' yan fusiñus) ginen i hatdin preparasion biradan i gima'.

## By JOHN S. DELROSARIO JR.

Special to the Saipan Tribune

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Adelantau pinegsai niha manog, ñgañga', babue yan 'nos kuantus chiba. Ayu 'nai madiñgu i lanchu 'nai mañgahulu' i manog gi sagan niha. Esta na' magem i sensian pinasensia yan trañkilida gi dos amku'.

**Niyog:** Iya Turkey ha tutuhun estudiun usun niyog para amot kanset. Guaha sineda` niha gaige gi `apaka` niyog (sensin) ni masupopone na mauleg gi ma-amten chenut kanset. Siempre tali`e dispues haf` uttimun ayu na estudiu.

Usun fresku na mañgu` mauleg na fina` amot gi tautau. Ti hoñgiyun lau estague` malagnus ginen un` estudiu na hana` papara dineku` kanset gi sisteman tautau. `An guaha mas konfitmasion siempre bai lagnus guine na pahina.

**Sunidu:** Guaha `nai hu fagcha`e umekuñgug kantan Chamoru. Enfin, madibidi i kanta siha gi entalu` Chamoru yan Cha`mu. I mefena lamegai man-pinalo`pu ti manpresisu siha na esalau. I tatatte kase ni galagun chalan ti u ekuñgug pot mantai sustansia. Lau mafanana`an kantan Chamoru!

Hu agradese hagas kantan Chamoru tat kumu Eskatmina, Hagu Inan I Lañget, yan Pues Adios Estake, gi entre `nos kuantus sunidu siha. Tihu komprende haf` na guaha mane`esalau lau kanta mapetsisige. Dañkulu na difirensian kanta ya esalau! Pot fabot muñga mameskla i dos!

## Online newspapers connect us

orth America, South America, Africa, Europe, Asia, Australia, Antarctica. Humans live, work, and play on the 7 continents. Humans sail the seas. Humans fly the skies. And humans read online newspapers.

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Dec. 10, 2018, marked the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Every human is entitled to the

freedoms listed in the Universal Declaration "without distinction of any kind such as race, color, sex, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status." Online newspaper stories expose and celebrate human rights around the globe.

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### By MELISSA MARTIN

Special to the Saipan Tribune

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From Antigua to Zimbabwe, we can peruse online newspapers. Stories in online newspapers around the globe connect us—because we are humans. Long live online newspapers!

## Children's books offer life lessons

ames Holzhauer recently took "Jeopardy" by storm, setting a single-game record of more than \$131,000 won and taking home more than \$2.4 million in total. Mr. Holzhauer shared his strategy to prep for the show: He read children's books he got from the public library.

His 32-game winning streak ended June 3. Perhaps fittingly, he lost to librarian Emma Boettcher, of Chicago.

As a children's book author and children's literature professor, I know that kids' books engagingly cover a variety of topics (though, perhaps not the former mayor's "Healthy Holly" series), offering up history and statistics necessary to become a "Jeopardy" champion, but also lessons in life and leadership we can all use.

Here are 10 standout titles that come to mind:

In "The Little Engine that Could," a train's engine breaks down. After larger engines refuse, a little engine pulls the train over a mountain while repeating the mantra, "I think I can." The lesson: You can overcome hurdles, if you believe in yourself, work hard and persevere.

In the European folktale "Stone Soup," hungry strangers rally townspeople to chip in ingredients from their meager reserves for a communal meal. The takeaway for leaders is to build coalitions or teams to achieve buy-in, create synergy and produce results. The lesson in Shel Silverstein's fable "The Giving Tree" is inherent in the book's title: Be generous.

"David Gets in Trouble" by David Shannon teaches that it's better to admit mistakes than to make excuses.

"Frederick's Journey" and "Martin's Big Words," both by Doreen Rapaport, profile two outstanding orators—abolitionist Frederick Douglass, who escaped slavery while working at Baltimore's harbor, and civil rights icon Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. Both biographies show the power of words to uplift, move the masses and effect change.

"The Lorax" by Dr. Seuss hints at the dangers of pollution and industrialization. The cautionary tale promotes environmental stewardship, a lesson that today's leaders urgently need to heed.

"I'm the Biggest Thing in the Ocean" by Kevin Sherry is a reminder that regardless of your size or status, a bigger fish can eat you alive. So, don't let power go to your head.

"The Emperor's New Clothes" by Hans Christian Anderson, shows the folly of vanity. Two weavers execute a royal scam with an "invisible" garment that has the ruler parading naked before his subjects. A child ultimately exposes the scam. The lesson: leaders must trust their own eyes and instincts and greet sycophants with skepticism.

## By CAROLE BOSTON WEATHERFORD

The Baltimore Sun

Carole Boston Weatherford (http://cbweatherford.com) has authored more than 50 books including three about Marylanders: Becoming Billie Holiday, I, Matthew Henson: Polar Explorer, and Moses: When Harriet Tubman Led Her People to Freedom, a Caldecott Honor book. Her latest releases are Be a King:



Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Dream and You and The Roots of Rap: 16 Bars on the 4 Pillars of Hip Hop. A Baltimore native, she teaches at Fayetteville State University in North Carolina.

Finally, "The Pied Piper of Hamelin," a German legend, shows the consequences when a town stiffs a rat-catcher and he returns to collect. The story gave us the saying, "pay the piper."

Indeed, politicians who renege on promises risk losing the public trust.

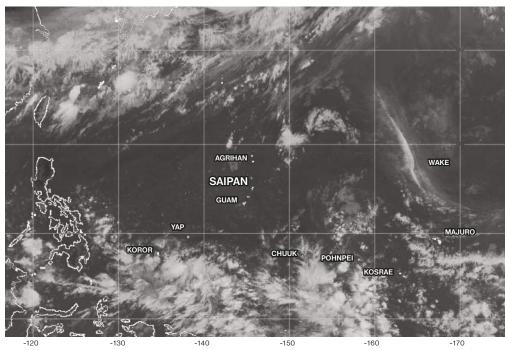
I wonder if President Donald Trump will make time for summer reading?

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# The Weather

	5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN								
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### YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE



## PICTURE TIME: 7:23 AM, TUESDAY, JUNE 18, 2019

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Isolated showers are moving through the Marianas, mostly in Guam and Rota waters while heavier showers nearer Saipan overnight have since dissipated to the west of the islands. Well northeast of the Marianas is a large cluster of showers and thunderstorms associated with an upper-level low centered near 20N153E.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

<b>MICRONESIA</b>		<b>▲</b> ▼°F
Guam and Rota	Partly Cloudy	88° / 79°
Palau	Thunderstorm	84° / 76°
Yap	Thunderstorm	87° / 79°
Chuuk	Thunderstorm	86° / 81°
Pohnpei	Thunderstorm	86° / 79°
Kosrae	Thunderstorm	86° / 79°
Majuro	Thunderstorm	84° / 80°

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AROUND THE	GLOBE	<b>▲</b> ▼°F
Auckland	Rain	59° / 55°
Beijing	Thunderstorm	88° / 66°
Hong Kong	Thunderstorm	90° / 82°
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	88° / 75°
London	Partly Cloudy	68° / 52°
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	75° / 63°
Manila	Thunderstorm	95° / 81°
Melbourne	Showers	52° / 41°
Miami	Thunderstorm	86° / 80°
New York	Showers	73° / 66°
Osaka	Partly Cloudy	82° / 68°
Paris	Mostly Sunny	79° / 57°
Busan	Partly Cloudy	79° / 66°
Rome	Sunny	88° / 64°
Salem	Thunderstorm	90° / 73°
San Francisco	Sunny	74° / 57°
Seoul	Partly Cloudy	82° / 64°
Tokyo	Partly Cloudy	81° / 66°
Washington, DC	Thunderstorm	84° / 71°



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7:46 AM	HIGH TIDE	1.85						
3:18 PM	LOW TIDE	-0.39						
10:28 PM	HIGH TIDE	1.89						

DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Today	5:47 AM	6:48 PM
Thursday	5:47 AM	6:49 PM
Friday	5:47 AM	6:49 PM
Saturday	5:48 AM	6:49 PM
Sunday	5:48 AM	6:49 PM

DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
Today	-	7:09 AM	8:28 PM
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UA105	6:25pm	7:05pm	2, 4	UA104	4:50pm	5:31pm	2, 4
SAIPAN-	BUSAN (	(PUS)		BUSAN (	(PUS)-SA	IPAN	
7C3451	3:10am	6:10am	1, 3, 5, 7	7C3452	9:05pm	2:10am+1	2, 4, 6, 7
7C3451	3:30am	6:30am	4	7C3452	9:35pm	2:30am+1	3
SAIPAN-	SEOUL (	ICN)		SEOUL (	ICN)-SAI	PAN	
TW308	1:35am	5:20am	Daily	7C3402	09:30am	3:10pm	Daily
OZ626	2:20am	6:00am	1	TW307	7:00pm	12:35am+1	Daily
OZ626	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	OZ625	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
7C3403	4:45am	8:35am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6	OZ625	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
7C3403	5:10am	8:55am	1, 7	7C3404	10:10pm	3:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5
7C3401	4:10pm	7:45pm	Daily	7C3404	10:40pm	4:10am+1	6, 7
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3U8646	4:30am	7:50am	2, 6	3U8645	7:50pm	2:40am+1	1, 5
SAIPAN-	BEIJING	(PEK)		BEIJING	(PEK)-S	AIPAN	
MU764	1:30am	6:00am	3, 5, 7	MU763	4:30pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6
SAIPAN-	MANILA	(MNL)		MANILA	(MNL)-S	AIPAN	
OZ626/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN	OZ702/625	12:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
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# **Business**

# Huawei says US sanctions will cost it billions in revenue

SHENZHEN, China (AP)— Huawei's founder said Monday that the Chinese telecom giant's revenue will be \$30 billion less than forecast over the next two years, as he compared the company to a "badly damaged plane" as a result of U.S. government actions against it.

"We never thought that the

U.S.'s determination to attack Huawei would be so strong, so firm," Ren Zhengfei, who is also the CEO, said during a panel discussion at the company's headquarters in Shenzhen, China.

Ren said Huawei will reduce capacity and expects revenue of about \$100 billion annually for the next two years,

## Hyatt Regency Saipan has new executive chef



**BEA CABRERA** 

Hyatt's Regency Saipan's new executive chef Halmut Kehm.

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Hartmut Kehm is the new executive chef of Hyatt Regency Saipan. Kehm comes from Grand Hyatt in Jakarta, Indonesia and he takes over the position that former Hyatt executive chef Gabrielle Colombo left last March.

"I have been here on Saipan for a week and currently familiarizing myself with the Hyatt's local clientele and tourists and then I will see where I can go from there... I am very excited to work again with Hyatt general manager Nick Ishikawa as I know him from my posts in Japan and Guam before," Kehm said.

"I have been with Hyatt for 30 years now and that is a very long time. When I started, we only had 36 hotels worldwide and now we have over a thousand," he added.

Ishikawa is looking forward to working with Kehm again." I worked with him for several years in Guam and Japan. He is going to be with us for many years and until we get the extension," he said.

"... The island needs these hotels (citing Fiesta Resort & Spa also with an expiring lease)... we ask for the support of the people to talk to the governor, lieutenant governor, lawmakers, and other officials so we can move forward," he added.



Huawei founder Ren Zhengfei speaks during a roundtable at the telecom giant's headquarters in Shenzhen in southern China on Monday, June 17, 2019.

compared with \$105 billion in 2018. In February, he said the company was targeting \$125 billion in 2019.

Huawei's overseas cellphone sales will drop by 40%, Ren said, confirming a Bloomberg report published Sunday. But the Chinese market is growing rapidly, he said, and Huawei will not allow restrictive measures to curb its research and development.

Huawei is embroiled in a

trade dispute between China and the U.S., which has accused Chinese companies such as Huawei of committing forced technology transfers and stealing trade secrets. Last month, the U.S. placed Huawei on its "Entity List," which effectively bars American companies from selling components to Huawei without government approval.

U.S. suppliers are taking a hit, too. Micron Technologies, Qualcomm, Qorvo and Skyworks Solutions have all listed Huawei as a major customer. Last week, chipmaker Broadcom reduced its 2019 revenue forecast by \$2 billion, saying customers are trimming orders because of the trade tensions, including the U.S. curbs on sales to Huawei. Broadcom previously estimated full-year revenue of \$24.5 billion. The research firm IHS Markit said Micron and Western Digital will also suffer, as they lose a leading buyer of memory chips and storage devices.

Huawei is expected to face challenges finding alternative suppliers for components, though IHS says Micron and Western Digital could eventually be replaced by South Korean and Taiwanese suppliers.

## Boeing apologizes for Max crashes as Airbus rakes in sales

LE BOURGET, France (AP)—Boeing executives apologized Monday to airlines and families of victims of 737 Max crashes in Indonesia and Ethiopia, as the U.S. plane

maker struggles to regain the trust of regulators, pilots and the global traveling public.

Some victims' families welcomed Boeing's gesture. Others called it too little, too late.

Boeing was in a visibly contrite mood at the opening of the Paris Air Show, where safety was on many minds as the global aviation elite gathered to showcase and trade cutting-edge, costly technology.

"We are very sorry for the loss of lives" in the Lion Air crash in October and Ethiopian Airlines crash in March, Kevin McAllister, CEO of Boeing's commercial aircraft, told reporters. A total of 346 people were killed in the disasters.

McAllister also said sorry for the disruption" to airlines from the subsequent grounding of all Max planes worldwide, and to their passengers facing summer travel

disruptions.

Boeing executives defended improvements to Max software that has been implicated in the crashes, but couldn't predict when the plane could fly again.

Investigations are underway into what happened, though it's known that angle-measuring sensors in both planes malfunctioned, alerting anti-stall software to push the noses of the planes down. The pilots were unable to take back control of the planes.

"Now they have apologized," said Ningsi Ayorbaba, a mother of three whose husband Paul Ferdinand Avorbaba was killed in the Lion Air crash. "I hope this is a good signal" for families like hers that have filed lawsuits against Boeing.

"No amount of money can bring my loved one back, but I want Boeing to be more transparent in the compensation process for the sake of the children" of victims left behind, she told The Associated Press.

Indonesia's Transportation Ministry spokesman, Hengki

Angkasawan, said his government needs "transparent work of the aircraft maker to fix the problem."

VIDEO: At the Paris Air Show, electric and hybridelectric planes are vying with gas-guzzlers for attention and the future. Boeing has acknowledged

botched communication with regulators over a cockpit warning system in the 737 Max, and is promising more transparency about its promised fix.

Ethiopian Airlines CEO Tewolde Gebremariam said only that Boeing's apology "is consistent with our opinion."

An Ethiopian who lost her younger brother in the Ethiopian Airlines crash said Boeing's apology is not enough to return lost loved ones, and expressed concern about Boeing's push to return the 737 Max to the skies.

The Max is crucial to Boeing's future. It is the newest version of Boeing's best-selling plane, and was a direct response to Airbus' fuel-efficient A320neo. Customers like the fuel efficiency because it

saves money and helps them respond to growing public and regulatory pressure to reduce emissions. But Airbus has outpaced Boeing in selling planes in this category.

With many of its airline customers and suppliers at the air show, Boeing repeatedly insisted it is focusing on getting the Max re-certified and speeding up production of the planes.

In addition to safety concerns, the global economic slowdown and trade tensions are weighing on the mood at the air show.

Boeing announced only lackluster orders at the start of the show, while rival Airbus announced a bevy of new sales and launched a new long-range single-aisle jet, beating Boeing to a market that both aviation giants predict will grow.

In the biggest new plane announcement expected at Le Bourget, Airbus formal ly launched its long-range A321XLR. The plane should will be ready for customers in 2023 and be able to fly up to 4,700 nautical miles.

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# **Nation**

# Attorney: Officer attacked without warning in Costco

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The off-duty officer who shot and killed a man inside a Southern California Costco last week was attacked without warning as he held his toddler son, the policeman's attorney said Monday.

Attorney David Winslow said his client—a Los Angeles Police Department officer whom he wouldn't name—was struck from behind without a word being spoken Friday night as he fed his son samples of teriyaki chicken in the warehouse store in Coro-

na, southeast of Los Angeles.

But a cousin of Kenneth French, the man who was killed, described him as a gentle man who didn't speak because of a mental condition.

Winslow told The Associated Press the officer was briefly knocked unconscious and his 1 ½-year-old son also fell to the ground.

When the officer regained consciousness, Winslow said, "he believed his life and his son's life was in immediate danger."

"He believed he was under

attack," Winslow said. "That's when the shooting started."

The officer shot and killed French, 32, of Riverside, and critically wounded French's parents.

A Corona police spokesman said during a news conference shortly after the shooting that witnesses had reported hearing an argument. A statement from the department the following day, however, did not mention a verbal altercation and said the attack was "without provocation."

Rick Shureih, French's cousin, told the Press-Enterprise in Riverside that French was gentle and didn't speak because of a mental condition that started in adulthood. He did not provide details on the condition, but he said French had "to be pretty much monitored" and his cousin's parents, Russell and Paola French, accompanied him everywhere.

In a Facebook posting Monday, Shureih said the family has gotten "witness accounts that do not match up to the original story." He declined to provide details, saying the information is confidential. He also said the family is propolice but wants justice and called on authorities to arrest the officer.

Winslow said he was not aware French had a disability.

The officer — who has been with the LAPD for seven years and currently works in the Southeast Division — was interviewed Monday by LAPD investigators as part of the department's administrative probe, Winslow said. He is on paid administrative leave that is mandatory after an officer-involved shooting.

The officer's head injury was caused by a "severe blow" and he was treated at the hospital, his attorney said. His child was not harmed.

Corona police did not respond to requests for information about Winslow's statements, what immediately preceded the shooting and whether anyone other than the officer had a weapon.

The Riverside County District Attorney's Office issued a statement urging the public to be patient. Once Corona police finish their investiga-

tion, prosecutors will review and consider whether to bring criminal charges.

Police have not said if French had any weapons or if the officer identified himself as a police officer before firing.

Witnesses reported seeing an argument between two people near a freezer section when at least six shots rang out. The shooting prompted a stampede of frightened shoppers, some fleeing the store as others sought cover inside.

Video from Costco's security cameras and shoppers' cellphones will be critical to the investigations, said Samuel Walker, a retired criminal justice professor at the University of Nebraska at Omaha and an expert on police accountability.

Off-duty officers can carry concealed firearms as long as the guns are authorized for on-duty use, according to the LAPD manual. Regardless of whether they're in uniform, police officers are allowed to use deadly force in self-defense or defense of others if it's clear there is no alternative, said Robert Weisberg, a professor at Stanford University's law school.



A Costco employee talks on the phone following a shooting within the wholesale outlet in Corona, Calif., Friday, June 14, 2019.

## ACROSS THE NATION

# Police: 3 passengers shot on Chicago city bus after argument

CHICAGO (AP)—Police say an argument aboard a Chicago city bus led to a shooting that injured three passengers, two of them teenagers. Authorities say a 35-yearold man pulled out a handgun and fired several shots after a quarrel escalated between him and two other passengers on the Chicago Transit Authority bus. The shooting happened Monday in the South Side Chatham neighborhood. An 18-year-old man was being treated for multiple gunshot wounds at the University of Chicago Medical Center. An 18-year-old woman was also taken to the hospital with a wound in the torso. A Chicago Fire Department spokesman says a 59-year-old man was also grazed on his left side. He took himself to a hospital for

treatment. Authorities say the alleged gunman was taken into custody and being questioned.

# Man pleads guilty to decapitating Montana casino patron

BILLINGS, Mont. (AP)— One of two men charged with decapitating a casino patron has pleaded guilty. The Billings Gazette reports that 34-year-old Jeffery Glen Haverty pleaded guilty Monday. Haverty and 32-year-old Donald Ray Cherry were both charged with deliberate homicide in the October 2017 death of 41-year-old Myron Wesley Knight. Prosecutors and Haverty's attorneys say they will seek 50 years in prison under a plea agreement. Authorities say Knight asked a Billings casino employee to hold \$120 in winnings before leaving with the men. Police say Haverty robbed Knight of

his remaining \$6 and began decapitating him in a transient camp. Authorities say Cherry took part in the decapitation after returning from a gas station. Knight's body was found three weeks later. Cherry's trial is scheduled to begin in July.

# Kansas boy very lucky to survive knife impaling his face

KANSAS CITY, Kan. (AP)—A 15-year-old Kansas boy got a large knife to the face, and doctors say he's extremely lucky. Jimmy Russell said her son, Eli Gregg, was playing Thursday evening outside of their home in Redfield, about 90 miles (145 kilometers) south of Kansas City, when she heard him scream. She found him with a 10-inch knife jutting from just below his eye and called 911. "It looked pretty grim,

a video released by the University of Kansas Health System, where he was treated. The knife was embedded in his skull and extended to just under his brain. The blade's tip, meanwhile, was pushing against his carotid artery, which supplies the brain with blood. "It could not have had a pound more force on it and him survive that event," said Dr. Koji Ebersole, who oversaw the extraction. "I don't think he would have survived it." A team of surgeons put together an intricate plan to remove the blade Friday morning. They were prepared for possible bleeding into the brain, but the operation went without a hitch and the artery remained intact. Within 24 hours of the surgery, Eli was able to talk and make light of the situation. He was due to be discharged on Monday.

it was scary," Russell said in

# Police: Bodies of mom, son found where boy's father cut wood

**SALEM, Ore.** (AP)—The bodies of an Oregon mother and her 3-year-old son have been found more than a month after they vanished, hidden in a forest where the boy's father cut wood, authorities said Monday.

"Really good detective work" led authorities to find the bodies of Karissa and Billy Fretwell on Saturday in a heavily wooded area northwest of the state capital of Salem, Yamhill County District Attorney Brad Berry said.

Michael John Wolfe, the child's father, was arrested last month at a doughnut shop in Portland and has been charged with kidnapping and aggravated murder in their deaths.

An autopsy found 25-yearold Karissa Fretwell died of a single gunshot to the head, while additional testing this week will determine how Billy died, prosecutors said.

Fretwell hadn't been heard from since May 13. Her family reported her and her son missing a few days later when she didn't show up for work.

Court papers show Fretwell went to court last year to establish that Wolfe is Billy's father and had filed a petition seeking over \$1,000 a month in child support.

Wolfe, 52, had a permit to cut wood close to where the bodies were found, Berry said.

"I can't tell you how the information came about," the district attorney said of pin-pointing the location. "I can tell you Wolfe was familiar with this area."

Searchers who were part of a crew of dozens from different agencies found the bodies after looking for about two hours Saturday. The bodies had been covered with debris, Berry said.

Searchers had combed the area previously to no avail.

A firearm also has been found, but prosecutors said detectives don't know yet if it's the gun used to kill Fretwell.

Wolfe is jailed without bail and scheduled to appear in court later this week. It wasn't immediately known if he has a lawyer.

A stuffed animal and vases of fresh flowers have appeared on the hood of Fretwell's car near her Salem apartment, KPTV-TV reported.

"I was hoping that they'd come home," neighbor Sara Vangilder said. "I didn't want to think the worst."

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# Asia

# Duterte calls for calm over Chinese sinking of fishing boat

**Philippines** (AP)—The Philippine president on Monday called the sinking of a Filipino fishing boat that was hit by a Chinese vessel in the disputed South China Sea "a little maritime accident" and urged calm amid an outcry. Twenty-two crewmen aboard the sunken boat were rescued by a Vietnamese fishing boat.

President Rodrigo Duterte said the June 9 incident at Reed Bank should not be blown out of proportion and should be investigated, and that China's side should be heard.

Duterte's reaction contrasted with that of some of his own officials, including the defense chief, who strongly condemned the Chinese vessel for sailing away as the fishing boat sank at night. The Department of Foreign Affairs filed a diplomatic protest against China.

Duterte came under fire from nationalists and opposition politicians for his silence days after the incident was made public by Defense Secretary Delfin Lorenzana. One opposition senator called on the president to downgrade diplomatic ties with China, which has been criticized for aggressive actions in the disputed waters.

"It's just a collision of ships, do not make it worse," Duterte said in his first public remarks

about the incident, adding he would not reach any conclusion or take any action until an investigation is complete.

"Let's not get involved yet," he told officials and personnel at a naval base in Cavite province, south of Manila, during the anniversary of the Philippine navy. He warned that the "little maritime accident"

could degenerate into a bigger conflict at a time when the Philippine military is still trying to modernize.

Normally known for his temper and spontaneous outbursts, Duterte this time underscored the importance of handling the incident by the rule of law. He said politicians who urged him to deploy the

navy in response to the incident were "stupid," although he did not identify any.

China has acknowledged its fishing vessel hit a Filipino boat in the vicinity of Reed

the Philippine boat as it tried

Bank but denied the collision was intentional.

The Chinese Embassy in Manila said Friday that the Chinese vessel accidentally hit A protester burns mock Chinese flags at Manila's Rizal Philippines, Tuesday, June 18, 2019 to condemn a recent incident that involved a Chinese fishing vessel hitting a Filipino fishing boat.

to maneuver while surrounded by several other Philippine boats. It said the Chinese captain tried to rescue the Filipinos but was afraid of being besieged by the other boats.

The Filipino fishermen denied China's claims and said they would have died if they had not been rescued by the Vietnamese boat.

It was one of the most serious recent incidents in the disputed waters involving fishermen from the Philippines and China, whose ties have improved under Duterte. The Philippine leader moved to repair frayed relations as he sought Chinese infrastructure funds and trade and investment after taking office in 2016.

The territorial conflicts, which also involve Vietnam, Malaysia, Taiwan and Brunei, have long been seen as a potential flashpoint.

ASIAN BRIEFS

## **Earthquake in** southern China kills 11 people, injures 122

BEIJING (AP)—A strong earthquake that hit Sichuan province in southern China late Monday night killed 11 people and injured 122, the local government said. The Yibin city government posted the casualty toll on its social media accounts Tuesday morning. Xinhua news agency said rescue efforts were underway in the stricken area. The magnitude 6.0 earthquake collapsed a hotel in Changning county and damaged some roads, Xinhua said. Heavy rains were falling Tuesday morning. The Ministry of Emergency Management sent firefighting crews and other rescue personnel, Xinhua said. The ministry and the National Food and Strategic Reserves Administration have dispatched 5,000 tents, 10,000 folding beds and 20,000 quilts to the quake-hit areas. The epicenter was 16 kilometers below the surface, according to the China Earthquake Networks Center. Shallow earthquakes

tend to cause more damage to buildings and infrastructure.

### Thais arrest Italian convicted in George **Clooney fraud case**

BANGKOK (AP)—Thai police said they have arrested an Italian man wanted in his home country after he fled a jail sentence handed down for fraudulently using the name of actor George Clooney to lure people into investing in a bogus clothing company. Thailand's Crime Suppression Division said in a statement that Francesco Galdeli, 58, was arrested Saturday near the city of Pattaya on suspicion of staying in the country illegally. Also arrested was Vanja Goffi, 45, on suspicion of overstaying her visa. Interpol notice had been issued for Galdeli and he was arrested at an address provided by Italian authorities, Thai authorities said in their statement Sunday. It was not immediately clear if the two had a lawyer. Galdeli was sentenced by a Milan court in 2010 to more than eight years in jail after he was

found guilty of impersonating Clooney to trick investors, police said. Galdeli had lived in Thailand for around seven years, police said.

### **Cat filter goof leaves Pakistanis scratching** their whiskers

PESHAWAR, Pakistan (AP)-It was a mistake that had some people in Pakistan scratching their whiskers. A regional minister was giving a briefing that was livestreamed on social media last week when viewers noticed the officials had unexpected feline features. The cat filter, a social media feature applying drawn images onto people's faces, was on. Social media was quick to pounce on the image. In a statement posted on Twitter, the ruling party's social media team wrote it had determined "human error" by a hardworking volunteer caused the mistake. The team said the cat filter was removed "within a few minutes." The team says actions have been taken to prevent "such an incident" in the future.

**HONG KONG** (AP)—The largely youth-driven movement of black-clad protesters challenging Hong Kong's government over an unpopu-

lar extradition bill is a coalition operating without a clear leadership structure. And that adds to its appeal for supporters disaffected from the moneyed elites who

run the former British colony,

organizers say.

The nearly 2 million Hong Kong residents who marched all day Sunday in a massive show of opposition to the bill, which would allow extraditions to mainland China, largely acted on their own, said Bonnie Leung, a leader of the Civil Human Rights Front, one of dozens of groups coordinating the protests.

"It is civil society, from different walks of life, a lot of nameless people, a lot of different students' unions, that are voluntarily and organically doing a lot of actions," said Leung, whose group took responsibility for getting an official permit for Sunday's march.

The collection of student groups, political and non-governmental organizations, labor unions and teachers' associations that helped run the demonstration, and a string of earlier ones, ensured the march was orderly, even though

thousands loitered afterward in a continued protest that was still underway 24 hours later.

Hong Kong opposition movement largely without leaders

"In this whole campaign, what we are trying to do is coordinate with different people," Leung said in an interview. "They are talking about, 'Oh, will that work, what won't work?' There are no real leaders and this I believe is a very healthy development and this is very good for our campaign."

For the many teens and 20-somethings who took to the streets, the protests are about far more than an extradition bill. They are about preserving the autonomy Hong Kong was promised when Britain ceded its colony to mainland China in 1997, a "one-country, twosystems" arrangement that was supposed to assure Hong Kong separate legal and economic status for 50 years after the handover.

The marchers have drawn inspiration from earlier protests, especially the "Umbrella Movement" of 2014, when tens of thousands of mostly vouthful demonstrators staged marches and sit-ins, snarling downtown traffic for weeks to demand a say in the election of Hong Kong's leader-a demand that ultimately failed.

That Beijing-appointed leader, Chief Executive Carrie

Lam, has insisted on forcing passage of the unpopular extradition bill-and is now the main target of the demonstrations. She backed down Saturday, indefinitely suspending the bill's passage, but that did not appease the protesters.

The fluid, ad hoc nature of the movement was evident Monday, as hundreds of youths lingered near Lam's office building. A small but determined group vowed to continue demanding that Lam completely scrap the extradition bill, which if passed, could send some suspects in Hong Kong to China to face vague political charges, torture and unfair trials. That concern has grown with the increasingly authoritarian approach of today's top Communist Party leader, President Xi Jinping.

Others believed they needed to retreat and draw up a timetable for their demands, said Nathan Law, a leader of Demosisto, a pro-democracy group advocating self-determination for Hong Kong.

"There is no long-term agenda, no leader. We all feel the same and want the same things, but we don't have to follow any one person," said one black-clad participant in his early 20s, who gave his name only as Jojo.

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# World

# Egypt's ousted president Morsi dies in court during trial

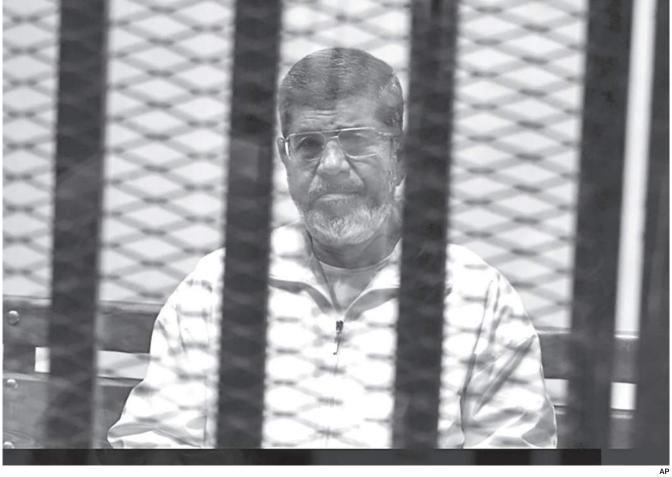
CAIRO (AP)—Egypt's first democratically elected president, Islamist leader Mohammed Morsi who was ousted by the military in 2013 after a year in office, collapsed in court while on trial Monday and died, state TV and his family said.

The 67-year-old Morsi had just addressed the court, speaking from the glass cage he is kept in during sessions and warning that he had "many secrets" he could reveal, a judicial official said. A few minutes afterward, he collapsed in the cage, the official said, speaking on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to talk to the press.

In his final comments, he continued to insist he was Egypt's legitimate president, demanding a special tribunal, one of his defense lawyers, Kamel Madour told the Associated Press. State TV said Morsi died before he could be taken to the hospital.

Morsi's Muslim Brother-hood accused the government of "assassinating" him through years of poor prison conditions. In a statement, the group demanded an international investigation into Morsi's death and called on Egyptians to protest outside Egypt's embassy across the world.

Morsi, who was known to have diabetes, had been imprisoned since his 2013 ouster, often in solitary confinement and barred from visitors—his family was allowed to visit only three times during that time.



In this May 8, 2014 file photo, Egypt's ousted Islamist President Mohammed Morsi sits in a defendant cage in the Police Academy court-house in Cairo, Egypt.

Egypt's chief prosecutor said Morsi's body would be examined to determine the cause of his death. State TV, citing an unnamed medical source, said he died after suffering a heart attack.

It was a dramatic end for a figure who was central in the twists and turns taken by Egypt since its "revolution"—from the pro-democracy uprising that in 2011 ousted the country's longtime authoritar-

ian leader, Hosni Mubarak, through controversial Islamist rule and now back to a tight grip under the domination of military men.

The Muslim Brotherhood, Egypt's most powerful Islamist group, won the elections held after Mubarak's fall, considered the first free votes the country had seen. First, they gained a majority in parliament, then Morsi squeaked to victory in presidential elections held in 2012, becoming the first civilian to hold the office.

Critics accused the Brotherhood of using violence against opponents and seeking to monopolize power and Islamize the state. Massive protests grew against their rule, until the military—led by then-Defense Minister, Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi—ousted Morsi in July 2013,

dissolved parliament and eventually banned the Brotherhood as a "terrorist group."

El-Sissi was elected president and re-elected in 2018 in votes human rights groups sharply criticized as undemocratic. He has waged a ferocious crackdown that crushed the Brotherhood but also almost all other dissent, arresting tens of thousands, banning protests and silencing most

criticism in the media.

Since his ouster, Morsi and other Brotherhood leaders have been put on multiple and lengthy trials. Morsi was sentenced to 20 years in prison on charges of ordering Brotherhood members to break up a protest against him, resulting in deaths. Multiple cases are still pending. Monday's session was part of a retrial, held next to Cairo's Tora Prison, on charges of espionage with the Palestinian Hamas militant group.

Morsi was held in a special wing in Tora nicknamed Scorpion Prison. Rights groups say its conditions fall far below Egyptian and international standards.

In contrast, Mubarak was allowed to stay in a military hospital during trials on various charges related to killing the protesters in 2011 uprising—of which he was eventually cleared.

Sarah Leah Whitson, Middle East director with the Human Rights Watch, said in a tweet that Morsi's death was "terrible but entirely predictable" given the government "failure to allow him adequate medical care, much less family visits."

Mohammed Sudan, leading member of the Muslim Brotherhood in London, said Morsi was banned from receiving medicine or visits and there was little information about his health condition.

"This is premeditated murder. This is slow death," he said.

## Kenya patient free of Ebola, as Congo, Uganda fight outbreak

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP)— Kenya remains free from Ebola as test results show that a sick woman does not have the deadly hemorrhagic fever, while neighboring Uganda and Congo battle a stubborn outbreak of the disease.

Kenya's Health Minister Sicily Kariuki Monday announced that a patient isolated at the Kericho County Referral Hospital does not have Ebola.

"The results of tests carried out by the Kenya Medical Research Institute laboratories on the 36-year-old lady currently admitted in the isolation unit of the Kericho County Referral hospital have been confirmed to be negative for the Ebola virus disease and other hemorrhagic fevers," Kariuki said in a statement.

The woman showed some symptoms of Ebola after travelling from Malaba on the Kenya-Uganda border, sparking fears that Congo's current outbreak had spread to Kenya. The outbreak in eastern Congo has killed more than 1,400 people since August and last week it spread to neighboring Uganda where two people died.

Kenya's health minister had earlier given assurances that all appropriate measures had been taken to prevent the spread of Ebola.

"Precautionary measures have been put in place including isolation of the patient," said Kariuki, while touring the Nairobi international airport to see how arriving passengers are screened for symptoms of fever.

The two victims in Uganda were part of a Congolese-Ugandan family who are believed to have contracted the disease at a funeral in Congo that was attended by dozens of people.

An expert committee of the World Health Organization on Friday said Congo's Ebola outbreak is an "extraordinary

nya. The outbreak in eastern Congo has killed more than does not yet merit being de-1,400 people since August and clared a global emergency.

Speaking in Kampala, the Ugandan capital, World Health Organization Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus said on Monday that he accepted the decision.

"From our side, I would like to pledge that we will continue mobilizing global and regional support to control this outbreak as soon as possible. It is not clean until the outbreak in (Congo) is finished," he said, according to a statement from Uganda's health ministry.

The spread of Ebola in eastern Congo has been "very unpredictable, with up and down trends," he said.

In eastern Congo, health officials have begun offering vaccinations to all residents in the hotspot of Mabalako whereas previous efforts had only targeted known contacts or those considered to be at high risk.

Climate talks held as Arctic ice melts, concerns grow

BERLIN (AP)—Diplomats and climate experts gathered Monday in Germany for U.N.- hosted talks on climate change and with their paws in melted Merkel has indicated that she backs proposals to stop adding further greenhouse gas emissions to the atmosphere

Monday in Germany for U.N.-hosted talks on climate change amid growing public pressure for governments to act faster against global warming.

Officials meeting in the western city of Ronn for the

western city of Bonn for the June 17-27 talks are focusing on resolving issues that couldn't be agreed upon at last December's climate summit in Poland. This includes the rules governing the international trade in carbon certificates, which allow countries or companies to offset greenhouse gas emissions by paying for projects in poor nations.

The talks are taking place against a backdrop of mounting concerns about global warming that have been heightened by extreme weather events and other signs that man-made climate change may already be leaving its mark on the planet.

Over the weekend, a pic-

ture taken by Danish climate researchers showing sled dogs on the ice in northwest Greenland with their paws in melted ice water was widely shared on social media. Greenland's ice melting season normally runs from June to August but the Danish Meteorological Institute said this year's melting started on April 30, the second-earliest time on record going back to 1980.

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Students in Europe and beyond have staged regular street protests demanding leaders do more to meet the 2015 Paris accord's goal of keeping average temperature increases below 2 degrees Celsius (3.6 Fahrenheit)—ideally 1.5 degrees C (2.7 degrees F)—by the end of the century, compared to pre-industrial times.

While experts discuss technical issues in Bonn, European Union leaders will be debating the 28-nation's long-term strategy on climate change Thursday in Brussels.

German Chancellor Angela

Merkel has indicated that she backs proposals to stop adding further greenhouse gas emissions to the atmosphere by 2050—a move that will require ending almost all fossil fuel use by then. Britain, Germany and France are expected to pass national legislation this year enshrining this "net zero" target in law.

U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres has invited world leaders to outline their countries' efforts to cut greenhouse gas emissions on the sidelines of the U.N. General Assembly in September.

They'll likely face no letup in pressure there.

Greta Thunberg, a 16-yearold Swedish activist who has inspired the student protests and harangued the global elite in Davos and elsewhere, has announced she will take a year off from school to attend the New York summit and the U.N.'s annual climate meeting, being held this year in Chile. SAIPAN TRIBUNE WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19, 2019 **17** 

# Focus

By KATHY GANNON

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FAISALABAD, Pakistan (AP)—At first, in her desperate calls home to her mother in Pakistan, Natasha Masih couldn't bring herself to say what they were doing to her.

All the 19-year-old would say was that her new husband—a Chinese man her family sold her off to in marriage—was torturing her. Eventually she broke down and told her mother the full story, pleading with her to bring her home. The husband had hidden her away in a hotel in a remote corner of China and for the past weeks had been forcing her to have sex with other men.

"I bought you in Pakistan," she said her husband told her. "You belong to me. You are my property."

Her mother turned to the only people she knew who could help, her small evangelical church in a run-down slum of the Pakistani city of Faisalabad. There, a group of parishioners began putting together an elaborate plan to rescue the girl from the hotel more than 1,100 miles away.

Natasha was one of hundreds of Pakistani girls who have been married off to Chinese men in return for cash payments to their families, most of them Christians, a community that is among the poorest of the poor in the country. The Associated Press reported previously how Christian pastors and Pakistani and Chinese brokers work together in a lucrative trade, aggressively pursuing Pakistani girls who are tricked into fraudulent marriages and find themselves trapped in China with sometimes abusive husbands.

Since then, police investigations have uncovered that many of the women are forced into prostitution in China. A picture of the extent of the trafficking networks has emerged from a series of arrests and raids in recent weeks by Pakistan's Federal Investigation Agency, as well as testimony from victims, many of whom were previously too frightened to come forward.

The AP spoke to seven girls who had been forced into prostitution—four of them still in China.

Families are told their daughters will be wed to well-off businessmen and given good lives in China, and the marriage trade is depicted as a benefit for all sides—impoverished parents receive money, while Chinese men find brides in a country where men outnumber women. But investigators are increasingly convinced that the majority of the girls are sold into prostitution, two law enforcement officials familiar with the investigations told the AP.

"The girls who are interviewed say they were tortured"—using a euphemism for rape and forced prostitution, said one of the officials. "They are afraid for their families and for the disgust they fear they will feel. ... Make no mistake, this is trafficking."

However, even as investigators are uncovering the scope of the trade, the Pakistani government has sought to keep it quiet. Senior government officials have ordered investigators to remain silent about the trafficking be-



cause they don't want to jeopardize Pakistan's increasingly close economic relationship with China, the two officials said, speaking on condition of anonymity for that reason.

Beijing is investing billions of dollars in Pakistan as part of its Belt and Road Initiative, a global endeavor aimed at reconstituting the Silk Road and linking China to all corners of Asia. Under a \$75 billion project known as the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor, Beijing has promised a sprawling package of infrastructure development, from road construction and power plants to agriculture. The largest component is a 3,200-kilometer (2,000-mile) road linking China to Pakistan's deep-water port of Gwadar on the Arabian Sea.

In Pakistan, it has been billed as a massive development program that will bring new prosperity to the South Asian nation, where the average citizen lives on just \$125 a month. Since 2015, thousands of Chinese have arrived in Pakistan to work on a multitude of projects.

China's ambassador to Pakistan has gone on local television channels denying girls are trafficked to China and sold into prostitution. The issue of human trafficking was not discussed during a visit to Pakistan this month by China's vice president, Wang Qishan, who held talks with Prime Minister Imran Khan and Pakistan's president. In comments carried in the Pakistani press, Wang denied trafficking was taking place and referred to an online video that traffickers often use to lure in families, showing Pakistani brides in China dancing and happy.

"China is denying it is happening, but we are showing the proof," said Saleem Iqbal, an activist in Pakistan's small Christian minority who has helped bring girls back from China and collects evidence of trafficking networks that he provides to police.

The AP spoke by messaging app with Arooj, a Pakistani girl still trapped in China. She said her husband beat her and would come home drunk with friends and force her to have sex with them. Like many of the girls, she wasn't sure where she was in China; often they are taken from Beijing on flights elsewhere in the country, then driven for hours to small towns, without being told the destination.

Ijaz Alam Augustine, the human rights and minorities minister in Pakistan's Punjab province, estimated that more than 500 women have been trafficked to China, while Iqbal put the figure at 750 to 1,000.

In early May, Pakistani police swept through posh neighborhoods in the Punjab provincial capital of Lahore and in the national capital, Islamabad. They arrested Chinese nationals and their Pakistani partners involved in two marriage-broker networks that sought out Pakistani girls for Chinese grooms. They all now face trafficking charges.

Investigators have since made further arrests in smaller Punjab towns and in the western city of Peshawar, rolling up more networks. Overall, at least two dozen Chinese and dozens of Pakistanis have been arrested.

The two law enforcement officials said the Lahore-based network had been operating for at least a year. The network was protected by corrupt policemen, and the son of a former senior police official served as the lynchpin between the Chinese and Pakistani operatives, the officials said.

The network also benefited from lax oversight by authorities, they said. For example, at least five of the Chinese traffickers were able to enter Pakistan on business visas based on companies that didn't exist.

The AP saw one of the charge sheets from the wave of arrests, in which eight Chinese nationals and five Pakistanis were charged with human trafficking. It also accused the traffickers of profiting on body parts stolen from girls trafficked to China, without offering evidence. Other po-

lice reports tell of a Pakistani pastor who signed dozens of empty marriage certificates, which were later filled out by traffickers once they had acquired a prospective bride.

Investigators have conducted dozens of interviews in recent weeks with trafficked girls and women, who are increasingly speaking out.

One woman, Sumaira, who was sold to a Chinese groom by her brothers, told the AP she had remained silent for months after escaping her husband, even refusing to talk to investigators. But now she is coming forward.

"If I had told everything that happened to me then, maybe I would have saved so many other Pakistani girls," she said. "But I was too afraid, too afraid of my brothers. Now I want the people that did this to me to not do it to other girls."

The 30-year-old Sumaira had been running a small beauty salon in a poor, mostly Christian neighborhood of the Punjab town of Gujranwala. "I was a very different person than what you see now," she said. "Then I had hope. I believed in my future. Now I don't know."

Her brothers forced her to marry in July last year after being offered money by brokers. Her husband took her first to a house in Islamabad, where she said she was kept for a week, raped every night by Chinese men.

Before leaving for China, she convinced her husband to let her go home to say farewell to her sisters.

"When I got home, I yelled at my brothers, 'Why did you sell me? How much money did you get for me?" she said. The brothers beat her, but she managed to escape to the home of an uncle.

Natasha Masih lives in Wasirpura, a mainly Christian district of Faisalabad where many work as domestic workers. She didn't want to marry, but "what could I do, my family is poor." A friend of her father suggested he marry her to a Chinese man. She said her father struggled with the decision but needed the money. He had four other daughters and could no longer work after hurting his back. Natasha

In this May 22, 2019 photo, Sumaira a Pakistani woman, shows a picture of her Chinese husband in Gujranwala, Pakistan. Sumaira, who didn't want her full name used, was raped repeatedly by Chinese men at a house in Islamabad where she was brought to stay after her brothers arranged her marriage to an older Chinese man. Her father had died when she was young, her mother was poor and her brothers were offered money to marry her to a Chinese businessman.

said refusing was never an option.

In November, her husband took her to China's remote northwestern region. She was driven to a forested area and a small house with no kitchen or bathroom that she was told would be her home. She discovered that three male and two female friends of her husband shared the house. Soon, her husband began to force her to have sex with the men.

Soon after, her husband took her to the Yin Du luxury hotel in the nearby city of Urumqi. There, he confined her to a room and sold her into prostitution.

"Always two or three men were the same, and then he would bring other men, ordering me to have sex with them," she said. "I was living in hell-like conditions, silently weeping, silently praying for help." She made furtive calls to her parents on her mobile phone.

Back in Faisalabad, a member of her parent's church, Farooq Masih, formed a group of men from the congregation to try to help. Masih, who is not related to Natasha, told the AP they struggled with how to free Natasha until one among them told of his younger brother who was a student in China. The brother agreed to contact Natasha's husband, pose as a client and pay him to sleep with her to get access to her.

The student texted Natasha and told her he was coming to rescue her, asking for details of when her husband comes and goes from the hotel. Finally, the day came. He called her and told her to slip outside the hotel to where he was waiting in a taxi.

"I saw him and quickly I took my clothes and got into his taxi," she said. "I didn't ask his name. I didn't ask anything, I just said, 'Brother, thank you." Soon she was on a plane to Pakistan.

Farooq Masih and the other men from the church have since dedicated hours to unearthing trafficking networks. They recently conducted their own sting operation in Faisalabad, orchestrating a fake marriage to a prospective Chinese groom that led the Federal Investigation Agency to the Chinese and Pakistani brokers and the pastor who solemnized the unions for a fee.

Meanwhile, Natasha—who turned 20 last week—helps other young women open up about their experiences and encourages them to talk to investigators. She has heard reports that her husband was back in Pakistan looking for another girl to marry.

"I am lucky," Natasha said. "Many girls who were taken there by their husbands are still living a terrible life. ... Now I know what is freedom and what is slavery. In China, I was treated as a slave by my husband."

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# Good Housekeeping

## **ON** GARDENING:

By NORMAN WINTER TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

The Agastache plants have been laughing in the face of weather that most have called miserable since the beginning of May. The heat combined with no rain was fierce. Then June shows up where we have rainfalls that total four to seven inches a day and although temps are in the 80s the indexes say it feels like 94 plus.

It's been just over 4 years since I last wrote about the Agastache. It comes with a lot of common names like anise hyssop, giant hyssop, and hummingbird mint. Though I knew it brought in hummingbirds I have never been in the right place at the right time with the camera. This year is different.

Though I have been touting these plants to you, I fear you are still having a hard time finding them and I am laying much of the blame squarely on our shoulders as the consumer. Our blame is that we still will not buy a plant that is not in bloom. This means that many of the best pollinator plants we could buy for the landscape aren't available because both the broker and the grower know there is a chance, they will never get sold.

There is great hope however as the pollinator frenzy is still raging. Gardeners want beautiful flowers that bring in the bees, butterflies, and hummingbirds and there is none better than the Agastache and its hybrids. Varieties like Blue Fortune, Black Adder, Blue Boa, and Violet Vision are champions. They are beautiful, sturdy in the face of weather and will be perennial in zones 6-10 providing they don't sit in a wet winter soggy bog.

# Hummingbird mints add color and excitement to the garden





Hummingbird mints will bloom all summer and will be a good source of food when the Monarch butterflies make their return migration



Hummingbird mints like Blue Boa create excitement in the garden with their spiky flowers.

Hummingbird mints like this Blue Boa really do bring in hummingbirds, bees and butterflies.

The **rose** plant itself is said to be around 35 million years old; it has a very long history as a symbol for love and beauty and for politics and war. Cultivation of roses began some 5,000 years ago, probably in China. During the Roman period, they were used as confetti at celebrations, for medicinal purposes, and as a source of perfume. Roman nobility established large public rose gardens in their cities.

− B. Weaver

Sources: www.adirondackalmanack.com, onlinelibrary.wiley.com

Both Blue Fortune and Black Adder are hybrids of the U.S. native Agastache foeniculum and Korean Agastache rugosa. This cross has given us what I call perennials of participation. You will want to visit them often, even get a chair and stake out a position to watch and enjoy. The pollinator activity will amaze you, and for those of you who consider yourself to be a culinary artist, these are plants that will thrill with flavor.

Blue Boa has now won my heart completely over. It won the "Too Good to Be True Award" at Colorado State University perennial trials. It was also a winner in North Carolina State University. It was terrific at the Coastal Georgia

Botanical Garden in Savannah and is winning at The Garden Guy's house.

Blue Boa is an unknown cross but absolutely stunning with blue-violet flowers and dark green foliage. The larger flowers also attract hummingbirds and have a tantalizing fragrance. Mine is at 3 feet now towering over coneflowers and partnered with Vermillionaire cuphea. Thankfully Proven Winners has added this plant to their repertoire.

The last one we planted in Savannah was Agastache Violet Vision. This one is a unique cross with the Korean, A. rugosa and A. cusickii that is native to the western United States. It won best of Penn State Trials and features lush violet flowers on a more compact plant all the while serving as a magnet for bees and butterflies.

To grow yours, select a site in full sun for best blooming and to keep the plants compact and better branched. The soil should be fertile and well drained. Wet feet will spell doom for the anise hyssop during the winter, so incorporate organic matter to loosen the soil or plant on raised beds. You will want to space plants 18 to 24 inches apart.

The summer is just getting started and you have a long time to enjoy color in the landscape made more beautiful with a continual visitation of bees, butterflies, and hummingbirds.



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# Life & Style

# Sotheby's sold! French-Israeli billionaire pays \$3.7 billion

**NEW YORK** (AP)—The 275-year-old auction house Sotheby's is being sold to a French Israeli businessman for about \$3.7 billion.

Sotheby's, founded in London in 1744, is the oldest company traded on the New York Stock Exchange. If the deal is approved by shareholders and regulators, Sotheby's would become a privately held company for the first time in more than three decades.

The New York company, which started in London, holds auctions in 10 salesrooms worldwide with annual sales turnover exceeding \$4 billion.

It reported an adjusted profit last year of close to \$130 million and revenue of more than \$1 billion.

"Sotheby's is one of the most elegant and aspirational brands in the world, said the buyer, Patrick Drahi. "As a longtime client and lifetime admirer of the company, I am acquiring Sotheby's together with my family."

Drahi, 54, is the founder and controlling shareholder of Altice, which provides telecommunications services in France and elsewhere. The French billionaire has expanded his telecom and media operations internationally, with businesses in Portugal, Israel, the U.S. and Dominican Republic. Altice bought the New York-area Cablevision cable company in 2015.

Drahi, through his BidFair USA company, will pay \$57 per share, a 61% premium to the Sotheby's closing stock price Friday.

"This acquisition will provide Sotheby's with the opportunity to accelerate the successful program of growth initiatives of the past several years in a more flexible private environment," Sotheby's CEO Tad Smith said in a prepared statement.

Sotheby's counterpart in London, Christies, founded by



James Christie in 1766, was sold to another French businessman, François Pinault, in the late 1980s. It too was taken private.

The first reported sale by Sotheby's, for "several Hun-

dred scarce and valuable Books in all branches of Polite Literature," was made on March 11, 1744.

The company moved from Wellington Street off the

Flags fly on the front of Sotheby's auction house, in New York, Monday, June 17, 2019.

Strand in London, to New Bond Street in Mayfair early in the 20th century and with the move transitioned from being largely a seller of books, to a seller of art.

At the beginning of this century, masterpieces under the gavel at Sotheby's included Pablo Picasso's "Garçon à la pipe" (\$104.2 million), Andy Warhol's "Silver Car Crash" (\$108.4 million). Peter Paul Rubens' "The Massacre of the Innocents" was sold in London (49.5 million pounds).

In 2012, it sold Edvard Munch's "The Scream."

Shares of Sotheby's jumped \$20.74, or 58.6%, to close Monday at \$56.13.

## Gloria Vanderbilt, heiress, jeans queen, dies at 95

NEW YORK (AP)—Gloria Vanderbilt, the intrepid heiress, artist and romantic who began her extraordinary life as the "poor little rich girl" of the Great Depression, survived family tragedy and multiple marriages and reigned during the 1970s and '80s as a designer jeans pioneer, died Monday at the age of 95.

Vanderbilt was the greatgreat-granddaughter of financier Cornelius Vanderbilt and the mother of CNN newsman Anderson Cooper, who announced her death via a firstperson obituary that aired on the network Monday morning.

Cooper said Vanderbilt died at home with friends and family at her side. She had been suffering from advanced stomach cancer, he noted.

"Gloria Vanderbilt was an extraordinary woman, who loved life, and lived it on her own terms," Cooper said in a statement. "She was a painter, a writer, and designer but also a remarkable mother, wife, and friend. She was 95 years old, but ask anyone close to her, and they'd tell you, she was the youngest person they knew, the coolest, and most modern."

Her life was chronicled in sensational headlines from her childhood through four marriages and three divorces. She married for the first time at 17, causing her aunt to disinherit her. Her husbands included Leopold Stokowski, the celebrated conductor, and Sidney Lumet, the award-winning



In this April 4, 2016 file photo, CNN anchor Anderson Cooper and Gloria Vanderbilt attend the premiere of "Nothing Left Unsaid" at the Time Warner Center in New York.  $_{\rm AP}$ 

movie and television director. In 1988, she witnessed the suicide of one of her four sons.

Tributes online came from celebrities and fans of her clothes alike. Alyssa Milano called her "an incredible woman," Dana Delany said she treasures one of Vanderbilt's paintings and model Carol Alt hailed her as a "fashion icon and innovator." And one Twitter user mourned by remembering the canary Vanderbilt jeans she wore in junior high school.

Vanderbilt was a talented painter and collagist who also acted on the stage ("The Time of Your Life" on Broadway in 1955) and television ("Playhouse 90," "Studio One," "Kraft Theater," "U.S. Steel Hour"). She was a fabric designer who became an early enthusiast for designer denim. The dark-haired, tall and ultrathin Vanderbilt partnered with Mohan Murjani, who intro-

duced a \$1 million advertising campaign in 1978 that turned the Gloria Vanderbilt brand with its signature white swan label into a sensation.

At its peak in 1980, it was generating over \$200 million in sales. And decades later, famous-name designer jeans—dressed up or down—remain a woman's wardrobe staple.

Vanderbilt wrote several books, including the 2004 chronicle of her love life: "It Seemed Important at the Time: A Romance Memoir," which drops such names as Errol Flynn, whom she dated as a teenager; Frank Sinatra, for whom she left Stokowski; Marlon Brando and Howard Hughes.

She claimed her only happy marriage was to author Wyatt Cooper, which ended with his death in 1978 at age 50. Son Anderson Cooper called her memoir "a terrific book; it's like an older 'Sex and the City.'"

\*Hunger Games' prequel novel coming in 2020

NEW YORK (AP)—A decade after seemingly wrapping up "The Hunger Games," Suzanne Collins is bringing superb world building, breathtaking suspense, and social commentary," Scholastic Trade Publishing the novels after the publication

readers back to Panem. A prequel, set 64 years before the beginning of her multimillion-selling trilogy, is coming next year.

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The novel.

The novel, currently untitled, is scheduled for release on May 19, 2020. Collins said in a statement Monday that she would go back to the years following the so-called "Dark Days," the failed rebellion in Panem. Collins set the "Hunger Games" books in a post-apocalyptic dystopia where young people must fight and kill each other, on live television.

"With this book, I wanted to explore the state of nature, who we are, and what we perceive is required for our survival," she said. "The reconstruction period 10 years after the war, commonly referred to as the Dark Days—as the country of Panem struggles back to its feet—provides fertile ground for characters to grapple with these questions and thereby define their views of humanity."

Set on the morning of the reaping of the Tenth Hunger Games, the book takes place well before the lifetime of "Hunger Games" heroine Katniss Everdeen, played by Jennifer Lawrence in the billion-dollar movie franchise. Scholastic spokeswoman Tracy van Straaten declined comment on the new book's contents or featured characters beyond what's described in Monday's announcement.

"Suzanne Collins is a mas-

ter at combining brilliant storytelling, superb world building, breathtaking suspense, and social commentary," Scholastic Trade Publishing President Ellie Berger said in a statement. "We are absolutely thrilled—as both readers and publishers—to introduce the devoted fans of the series and a new audience to an entirely new perspective on this modern classic."

Lionsgate released the four "Hunger Games" movies, and the studio's vice chairman, Michael Burns, has suggested a prequel. In a recent statement to The Associated Press, the chairman of the Lionsgate Motion Picture Group, Joe Drake, said, "As the proud home of the 'Hunger Games' movies, we can hardly wait for Suzanne's next book to be published. We've been communicating with her during the writing process and we look forward to continuing to work closely with her on the movie." The studio did not immediately respond when asked if an agreement for film rights had already been reached.

The first three "Hunger Games'' books—"The Hunger Games," "Catching Fire" and "Mockingjay"—have more than 100 million copies, have been translated into more than 50 languages and have been credited with launching a wave of Dystopian fiction for young people. The very title "The Hunger Games" has become a catchphrase for suffering and deadly competition, inspiring such headlines as "Trump's \$1 trillion (infrastructure) plan inspires 'Hunger Games' angst."

Although she was actively involved with the production of the "Hunger Games" films, Collins appeared done with the novels after the publication of "Mockingjay," in 2010. She had said little about her plans in recent years, beyond telling a gathering at the 2013 Book-Expo publishing convention that she was working on a new series. Her most recent book, of any kind, came out in 2013: The picture story "Year of the Jungle" was based on the time in Vietnam served by Collins' father, a career Air Force officer.

Collins has cited her father as a reason for her lifelong studies of war, and cited both contemporary and classical culture as inspirations for "The Hunger Games." She named the country Panem as a reference to the Roman expression "panem et circenses," meaning bread and circuses, diversions for the masses. In a 2010 interview with The AP, she recalled watching television one night, switching channels, and becoming momentarily disoriented by going back and forth between a reality program and the Iraq War.

"We have so much programming coming at us all the time. Is it too much? Are we becoming desensitized to the entire experience?" she said. "Dystopian stories are places where you can play out the scenarios in your head—your anxieties—and see what might come of them. And, hopefully, as a young person, with the possibilities of the future waiting for you, you're thinking about how to head these things off."

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# The Rock and other stars promote positivity at MTV awards

LOS ANGELES (AP)-Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson didn't make a household name for himself by conforming to someone else's idea of who he should be, an approach he encouraged others to take while accepting a top honor at the MTV Movie & TV Awards.

The actor, producer and former professional wrestler said embracing himself allowed him to carve his own space in the entertainment industry and become one of its biggest stars. He accepted MTV's generation award with fanfare—running down the stage amidst a blend of hip-hop and Samoan dancers with screens reading "The Rock" in flaming letters behind him—during the show, which was taped Saturday in Santa Monica, California, and aired Monday night.

"The most powerful thing we can be is ourselves," said Johnson, who is halfblack and half-Samoan. He also reminded the audience of its responsibility to reach back for others in the midst of success.

Johnson, 47, wasn't the only one to use his platform during the show for empowerment.

Brie Larson, who won the best fight award for her battle against Minn-Erva (Gemma Chan) in "Captain Marvel," brought her stunt doubles, Jo-



anna Bennett and Renae Moneymaker, on stage to recognize them for their work.

"They are the living embodiment of Captain Marvel," Larson said as she stepped aside to let the women give speeches in which they thanked the actress for the rare acknowledgement on an awards show stage.

Inclusivity and celebration seemed to be the themes of the night. The show included with a comedic take on a scene from Jordan Peele's "Us," featuring host Zachary Levi. Levi reminded everyone to nurture the kid in themselves and keep following their dreams into adulthood. Lizzo and Bazzi kept the crowd on its feet during their lively musical performances of "Juice" and "Paradise," respectively.

The upbeat nature of the night didn't stop some winners from getting serious.

Lana Condor managed to bring thoughtfulness to one of the night's more amusing awards.

"Kiss who you want to kiss.

Love who you want to love, and don't let anyone tell you otherwise," she said, accepting the best kiss honor with "To All the Boys I've Loved Before" co-star Noah Centineo, who also won for breakthrough performance.

Daniel Levy shared a similar sentiment after winning the best comedic performance award for "Schitt's Creek."

"If I've taken anything away from making 'Schitt's Creek,' it's that kindness always wins, and love is best

Shania Twain poses for a por-

trait at her Manhattan hotel,

Friday, June 14, 2019, in New

York. Twain will begin a new

residency in Las Vegas at Zap-

pos Theater at Planet Holly-

trailblazing by leading the way and fighting for others. Women took home several

of the night's biggest awards, including best performance in a show (Elisabeth Moss, "The Handmaid's Tale") and in a movie (Lady Gaga, "A Star is Born"). The show features gender-neutral categories.

Dwayne Johnson, also known

as The Rock, center, accepts

the generation award at the

MTV Movie and TV Awards on

Saturday, June 15, 2019, at the

Barker Hangar in Santa Moni-

Jada Pinkett Smith accepted

the trailblazer award, presented to her by "Girls Trip" co-star

Tiffany Haddish, and assured

attendees that each of them are

ca, Calif.

Sandra Bullock touched the audience during her speech for most frightened performance for "Bird Box."

## py pride month. 'I wanted a better death'

By ELLA TORRES

Lena Headey's "Game of Thrones" character once famously said, "When you play the game of thrones, you win or you die."

served unconditionally," he

said, wishing everyone a hap-

She was right. She just didn't know her demise would be so boring.

The 45-year-old actress admitted she was disappointed in Cersei Lannister's end, she said in an interview with The Guardian Sunday.

"I will say I wanted a better death," she told the outlet. "Obviously you dream of your death. You could go in any way on that show. So I was kind of gutted."

Headey's character was crushed to death by a collapsing building in the penultimate

episode last month. She and her brother/lover Jamie, played by Nikolaj Coster-Waldau, died in each other's arms.

Many fans believed it to be a rather bland ending for a character who had been such a dominant force on the hit HBO show.

Headey did acknowledge that, no matter what, showrunners David Benioff and D.B. Weiss couldn't have pleased

"I think there was going to be some big comedown from the climb," she said.

Headey's comments came nearly a month after "Thrones" ended. Fans were so unhappy with the final season that more than 1.6 million signed a Change. org petition to have it rewritten by "competent writers."

## Shania Twain set to party again in Vegas with new residency

NEW YORK (AP)—Since Shania Twain launched her first residency in Las Vegas seven years ago, Sin City has been invaded with contemporary pop stars, from Lady Gaga to Drake to Christina Aguilera, jumping on the residency trend. Even Cardi B has plans for a shortterm Vegas residency this year.

"I know! What are these people (doing) jumping on my bandwagon?" a smiling Twain said as she announced her return to Vegas for a new residency, starting Dec. 6. "Everybody knows that Vegas is awesome and it's only getting better."

Twain, of course, follows in the footsteps of other Las Vegas stalwarts over the decades, from the Rat Pack and Wayne Newton to Cher and Celine Dion.

On Monday, the queen of country pop announced 23 performances for her "Let's Go!" residency at Zappos Theater at Planet Hollywood Resort & Casino. Tickets go on sale Friday.

Britney Spears, Bruno Mars, Mariah Carey, Calvin Harris, Janet Jackson, Jennifer Lopez, Aeromsith, Boyz II Men, Pitbull, Gwen Stefani and Backstreet Boys are just some of the acts who have bombarded Vegas with long



and short-term residencies since Twain wrapped her first two-year stint in 2014.

"Not everybody gets invited to do a residency and certainly not a long-term residency. It's one thing to go and do six shows or something like that, but when you're in a longterm residency, it's a commitment," she said. "A really big commitment."

After Vegas, Twain went on traditional tours—in 2015 and 2018—but said there's a plus side to performing at the same venue every night.

"You can really take advantage of the highest standard technology that is usually too sensitive to take on the road and travel. You can't pack it up and take it down every day. So it's a production dream, Las Vegas," she said.

"And also, it's just great for my voice to be able to be stabilized in an environment that I

wood Resort & Casino, starting in December 2019. can control. And I really appreciate that these days with all my

Lyme disease voice issues."

Twain trained with coaches and worked extensively to rebuild her voice after she contracted Lyme disease. After 15 years, she finally released an album, 2017's "Now."

To keep her voice intact in Vegas' dry heat, the 53-yearold said she will "take a steam shower every night as I start my warmups before the show."

One of the best-selling artists of all-time, with hits like "You're Still the One," "From This Moment On" and "That Don't Impress Me Much," Twain has the title of creative director for the residency. She said she wants the audience to party alongside her each night.

"It (will be) like a giant nightclub," she said. "I'm actually going to put a dance floor on the stage so there'll be some fun audience participation."

## Cuba Gooding Jr.'s attorney says groping accuser was 'stalking' the actor

By NARDINE SAAD

LOS ANGELES TIMES

An attorney for Cuba Gooding Jr. is refuting conclusions some have drawn from a surveillance video showing the actor touching a woman who has accused him of groping her.

The snippet, obtained and published by TMZ on Thursday, appears to show the actor at Manhattan's Magic Hour Rooftop Bar & Lounge putting his hand on or near the woman's leg and breast while they sat with Gooding's girlfriend, Claudine De Niro, between them.

But his longtime attorney, Mark J. Heller, dismissed the website's claims that Gooding touched the woman's thigh and breast.

"He's not alleged to have touched a leg," Heller told the Los Angeles Times over the phone on Friday. "He was sitting with Claudine privately and this woman was literally stalking them, following them from place to place to place. Cuba is very, very polite, he would never rebuff a fan, but this woman literally sat almost on top of Claudine."

The veteran attorney said that Gooding is alleged to have forcibly squeezed the woman's breast, something Heller did not see happen in the surveillance video. The recording was among the hours of footage he reviewed before the Oscar winner surrendered at a New York Police Department precinct on Thursday.

## Taylor Swift's new video features Ellen, RuPaul and more

Corden's 'Late Late Show' visits London, gets silly in Paris

LOS ANGELES (AP)—When James Corden takes his "The Late Late Show" to England, he does it up royally.

He's yet to ask Queen Elizabeth to join him, but this week's London-based shows include British and U.S. stars including Tom Hanks and Lily James and a pre-taped segment with former first lady Michelle Obama.

It's the third year that Corden has traveled to his native city for the CBS show, and he refused to let the task of hosting last week's Tony Awards interfere.

"We enjoy jumping headfirst into all of these things, and tired isn't a good enough reason," Corden said Monday, the start of a four-night run of shows from London's historic Central Hall Westminster. He said he counts himself "incredibly lucky" to have such opportunities.

"I don't want to look back and go, 'Ah, I should have made the most of that and I didn't because I was a little bit tired," Corden said.

Among the bits: A battle-of-the-sexes dodgeball match in which Obama teams with Melissa McCarthy, Allison Janney, Kate Hudson, Mila Kunis and Lena Waithe against Corden, Benedict Cumberbatch, Harry Styles, John Bradley and "Late Late Show" bandleader Reggie Watts. NEW YORK (AP)—Taylor Swift's new music video features a number of famous faces, including Ellen DeGeneres, Laverne Cox, RuPaul and the cast of "Queer Eye."

The clip for her song "You Need to Calm Down," in which Swift calls out homophobes and her own haters, was released Monday.

Ryan Reynolds, Billy Por-

ter, Todrick Hall, Hayley Kiyoko, Jesse Tyler Ferguson and Adam Rippon also make appearances in the colorful video.

The clip closes with Swift and Katy Perry—dressed as french fries and a hamburg-er—hugging. The two mended their friendship last year after publicly feuding.

The video finishes with the

words: "Let's show our pride by demanding that, on a national level, our laws truly treat all of our citizens equally."

Earlier this month Swift announced that she supported the Equality Act.

In this June 1, 2019 photo, Taylor Swift performs at Wango Tango at Dignity Health Sports Park in Carson, Calif.

## Prince Harry champions mother's cause: clearing land mines



LONDON (AP)—Prince Harry has offered his support to a new initiative to clear land mines from a wilderness area in Angola, saying it will protect lives and help communities

In backing the 47 million pound (\$60 million) initiative of the Angolan government and the Halo Trust, Harry continued work on a cause cham-

pioned by his late mother,

Britain's Prince Harry speaks

on stage during a concert host-

ed by his charity Sentebale at

Hampton Court Palace, in Lon-

dangerous minefields by stepping onto one.

The funds will be used to clear 153 minefields in an area with vital waterways to the Okavango Delta. The Halo

Trust hopes foreign governments and individuals will match the funds pledged by the Angolan government.

Speaking Monday at London's Chatham House think

Speaking Monday at London's Chatham House think tank, Harry said Angola's wilderness was "an asset that should be protected, celebrated and benefited by its people."

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CHICAGO (AP)—Another

"Empire" actor has been ar-

Another "Empire" actor

arrested, but on traffic offense

Police spokeswoman Karie James said Monday that Bryshere Gray, who plays a younger brother of Jussie Smollett's character on the Chicago-based Fox TV show, was pulled over Thursday because a temporary license plate didn't match the 2014 Rolls Royce he was driving. She says he was arrested on a misdemeanor registration charge and ticketed for driving

an uninsured vehicle and failure to carry a driver's license.

James says the 25-yearold Gray isn't in custody, but it wasn't immediately clear when he was released. Chris Alexander, a publicist for 20th Century Fox Television, didn't immediately reply to a message seeking comment.

Smollett was arrested earlier this year on charges alleging that he had lied to police when he claimed he was the victim of a racist and homophobic attack in January. Prosecutors later dropped the charges.



In this Jan. 10, 2016 file photo, Bryshere Y. Gray arrives at the 73rd annual Golden Globe Awards in Beverly Hills, Calif.

## Megadeth's Dave Mustaine says he has throat cancer

**NEW YORK** (AP)—Megadeth's Dave Mustaine says he has been diagnosed with throat cancer.

The singer and guitarist of the heavy metal band announced the news on social media Monday, writing that he's "working closely with my doctors, and we've

mapped out a treatment plan which they feel has a 90% success rate. Treatment has already begun."

The 57-year-old says as a result, Megadeth has to cancel "most shows this year," though the 2019 Megacruise will happen "and the band will be a part

of it in some form."

Mustaine adds he and his bandmates, David Ellefson, Kiko Loureiro and Dirk Verbeuren, are in the studio working on a new album. It will be the follow-up to 2016's "Dystopia," which won the band their first-ever Grammy Award in 2017.

## Mom of four leaves longtime boyfriend to date a teenager

EAR ABBY: I'm the mom of a 31-year-old daughter who recently broke up with her longtime boyfriend so she can be with a 17-year-old kid. I probably wouldn't be upset if she didn't have sons who are 15, 14, 12 and a daughter, 10, who considered the man she broke up with their dad. Her new love is only two years older than her oldest. I am having a hard time accepting this and so are my grandkids.

I haven't talked to my daughter about her choice because I know she's an adult and the bottom line is it isn't really my business. I do worry about how much confusion this causes the kids.

I don't know if I can accept this new "man" in her life. To tell you the truth, I want nothing to do with him. I want to continue seeing my grandchildren, though, which will mean I'll have to deal with this person on some level. How?

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**DEAR ABBY:** I'm getting married soon, and I want to invite

a colleague I have known for years. My colleague is gay and married. My fiance, "Ted," is from a large, very traditional family. When I suggested inviting my co-worker and his husband, Ted expressed concern, stating that members of his family might feel alienated and uncomfortable.

I love Ted dearly, and I love his family. But I feel like I will be shutting out a friend by not inviting him and his spouse. Should I explain the situation to my colleague or leave it alone? Is it possible to reach a compromise that will make everyone happy?

LOVING BRIDE IN TEXAS

DEAR BRIDE: I think you should do what makes YOU happy. The problem with trying to please everyone is that it isn't possible. Unless you want Ted's family deciding who your friendships should include in the future, tell Ted this person is your friend and you do not want him and his husband to feel hurt by being excluded. Ted's family will adjust, which is what gracious guests are supposed to do.

**DEAR ABBY:** My son is in his mid-20s, and I would love to spend time with him. The problem is, every time he has come to my home he has stolen things from me and pawned them. I know this to be a fact.

I confronted him about it two years ago. I told him I love him very much but can no longer trust him in my home. He

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didn't deny the thefts, but since then, he won't take my calls or respond on social media or to text messages. What's a dad to do or not do?

FAILING IN FLORIDA

DEAR FAILING: Your son may be ashamed to face you after what he has done. All you can do is continue to reach out, tell him you love him and pray that he finally decides to stop hiding from you and possibly from himself. You have my sympathy, but you cannot force this.

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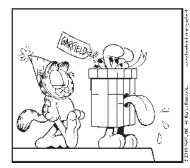
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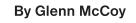
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ARIES (March 21-April 19): When faced with an obstacle, don't let anger and frustration take over. Consider your options, and make adjustments that encourage positive change. Keep in mind you are in charge of your life. Physical improvement will lift your spirits. 🛇

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): If you don't like something, make an adjustment and continue. Putting your energy where it counts will pay off and bring you the recognition you deserve for a job well done. A pos-

itive change will help you ease stress. **20000** 

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Redo something you aren't happy with. If you take a hands-on approach and make physical alterations that fit your agenda, you'll be able to take advantage of an opportunity to share something special with someone you love.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Make innovative choices that will have an impact on the way others treat you. Stand out in the crowd, and make suggestions that will counter interference or negativity that you face along the way. Trust your instincts.

across something appealing if you take part in events that offer insight into cutting-edge technology or techniques that you can put to good use. An opportunity to connect with someone in a critical position looks promising.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Confusion will set in if you let someone manipulate you. Concentrate on what's doable and the people who can help you get things

moving in the right direction. Embrace change, leave the past behind you and enjoy the rewards you deserve. 00000

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Look beyond your own backyard. Don't let negativity bring you down or let people who lack vision stand in your way. Venture into the future with optimism, and search for those who offer support. Personal perfection is highlighted. ••

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Take a different path if the one you've been traveling down isn't paying off. Change begins with you and putting your goals first. Surround yourself with people who are qualified and show interest in what you are doing.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Evaluate your relationship with the people who have the most influence on your life and

the choices you make. Weed out those who tempt you, and recognize those looking out for your best interest. Romance is in the stars.

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Do whatever it takes to bring about favorable

changes at home and to the relationships that are important to you. Speak up, share your thoughts and listen to the suggestions made. A joint effort will lead to a bright future. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Breathe deep, and consider your options. Strive

for personal improvement and heading in a direction that optimizes your skills, experience and knowledge. Refuse to let anyone manipulate you emotionally. Reject an ultimatum, and do what's best for you.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Recognize what needs to be done. Call upon the people you know will help build momentum, not cockamamie ideas. Take the role of a leader, stand tall and don't stop until you reach your goal. ����

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# After Davis trade, Pelicans primed to draft Zion

NEW ORLEANS (AP)—Now six-time All-Star Anthony Davis' trade request has been honored, it's time for the New Orleans Pelicans to start a new era by drafting the

next face of the franchise.

Duke star Zion Williamson is widely seen as the top pro prospect to enter any NBA draft since Davis in 2012, and the Pelicans—thanks to an unlikely NBA draft lottery victory last month—have the right to select him first overall on Thursday night.

While new Pelicans executive vice president of basketball operations David Griffin and coach Alvin Gentry have declined to announce their draft intentions, Gentry chuckled when describing the pressure to get the decision right as "Really very little. Minimal, OK? I think we'll make the right decision."

The ability to make that first pick this year "gives a boost to our franchise right away," Gentry said. "We're going to end up with a really good basketball player."

The Pelicans even posted a compilation of Williamson's Duke highlights on their official website.

The 6-foot-7, 285-pound Williamson was just the second freshman to be a consensus national player of the year, along with Kevin Durant with Texas in 2007. While Williamson has yet to exhibit consistent outside shooting, he has displayed a dominant mix of power, quickness and skill that has convinced scouts of his extraordinary promise as a pro.

He averaged 22.6 points per game at Duke and also was voted to the ACC's All-Defensive Team after averaging 8.9 rebounds, 2.12 steals and 1.8 blocked shots per game. He leaves Duke as the holder of several freshman records, including single-game scoring after his 35-point outburst against Syracuse in January.

And this draft could have enormous, long-term implications for New Orleans even beyond the addition of Williamson because of the bounty of first-round draft choices the Pelicans are to receive from the Los Angeles Lakers as part of the Davis deal

The trade—which also sent a total of three first-round picks to the Pelicans—won't become official until after the new NBA league year begins July 6. But when the Lakers pick fourth overall, they will effectively select for the Pelicans and eventually will send that player to New Orleansunless that pick is moved in a subsequent trade on behalf of the Pelicans by draft night.



And while deciding whether to select Williamson isn't bound to cause any mental anguish or second guesses, deciding who to pick fourth overall could be a much tougher call.

Gentry noted that while most drafts have just a few elite prospects, there often are future stars mined from mid- to late-first-round picks—never mind a second top-five choice like New Orleans has acquired.

"There is the high end, front end of the draft, but there's going to be a guy that's drafted 14 to 25 that's going to be a game changer also," Gentry said. "It's happened almost every year and that's where Steve Nash and Kobe Bryant and Giannis (Antetokounmpo) and those guys were all drafted — in that area right there. So, somewhere along the line,

there's going to be some surprise guys that'll step up that's going to become really good basketball players."

A handful of prospects stand out as possible fourth overall picks, and the position they play could be a factor.

The Davis trade brought New Orleans highly regarded small forward Brandon Ingram, point guard Lonzo Ball and shooting guard Josh Hart.

Ball and Ingram would be presumed starters alongside veteran guard Jrue Holiday and Williamson at power forward. The only true center on the roster is Jahlil Okafor. Forward Julius Randle also can play center, but is essentially a free agent with a player option to return for next season. Christian Wood, a 6-10 forward who thrived in his short, late-season stint with the PeliIn this Jan. 5, 2019, file photo, Duke's Zion Williamson (1) dunks during the second half of an NCAA college basketball game against Clemson, in Durham, N.C. The Blue Devils freshman is widely expected to be the No. 1 overall pick in the NBA draft on Thursday, June 20.

cans, also could play center.

Texas' Jaxson Hayes (6-11, 220) is widely seen as the top center in the draft, but not necessarily a top-five talent, so free agency might be the more practical route for the Pelicans to pursue an upgrade there.

Three players widely projected among picks Nos. 4-6 are Vanderbilt point guard Darius Garland (6-2, 175), Texas Tech shooting guard Jarrett Culver (6-7, 194), and Virginia wing player De'Andre Hunter (6-7, 225).

While none of them would be expected to start immediately, each could emerge as an increasingly prominent player in the rotation as the season wears on. And the ability to bring a reliable scorer, playmaker or defender off the bench could make all the difference if the Pelicans find themselves making a playoff push next March

### **Rockets GM denies** report on Paul wanting out of Houston

After years of failing in the playoffs at the hands of the Golden State Warriors, there have been a plethora of rumors surrounding the Houston Rockets and the relationship between Chris Paul and James Harden.

Over the weekend, it was reported by Stephen A. Smith that Paul wants out of Houston and would even consider going to the Los Angeles Lakers to play with LeBron James and Anthony Davis. While this would certainly make the Lakers a super team, Lakers fans shouldn't get too excited as these rumors were shut down by Rockets general manager Daryl Morey.

The Rockets GM appeared on SportsTalk 790 in Houston today where he explained how Paul wants to come back to the Rockets next season and that the team is looking to add another star to the roster.

Morey won't even be taking calls for Paul which goes to show how much the Rockets are betting on him and Harden to bring the city a championship.

With the Golden State Warriors down two players in Kevin Durant and Klay Thompson next season, the Western Conference will be busted wide open, which gives the Rockets a great chance to reach the NBA Finals.

## Heads turned for two Leonards at Raptors title parade

**TORONTO**—The star of this smoking a cigar and riding on year's NBA Finals between the Golden State Warriors and Toronto Raptors was without a doubt Kawhi Leonard. So, it's no surprise that the two-time NBA Finals MVP stole the show at Toronto's celebratory parade Monday.

Make that two Kawhi Leonard(s) stole the show...

A man who vaguely reroaming the streets signing autographs, taking pictures and challenging fans to oneon-one games before and during the Raptors' championship celebration. Toronto fans lined up to get a glimpse at the smaller-than-usual NBA star while others filmed the impostor to promote in his five minutes of fame.

Meanwhile, the real Leonard was rocking his season motto, "Board Man Gets Paid," on a black t-shirt while

a float with his teammates. The mantra was a slogan that Leonard coined back in high school and college (San Diego State) when he was dreaming of making it to the NBA level.

It refers particularly to rebounding, which Leonard did a lot of in the championship series, finishing with nearly 10 sembles Leonard was spotted rebounds a game to complement his 28.5 points per game.

> Leonard now enters free agency as the top target with the Clippers and Knicks considered the top competition to lure Leonard back across the border.

> If Leonard does decide to leave, at least Toronto has a more diminutive Plan B on standby.

Meanwhile, three people were in custody in connection with a shooting at the Raptors' NBA championship parade Monday that left four people injured, Toronto police said in a statement.

Two firearms were recovered, the Toronto police said in a news release that asked for the public's help with the investigation of the incident. The shooting occurred about 3:45pm ET near Nathan Phillips Square, which marked the end of the parade route.

Constable David Hopkinson of the Toronto Police stopped as Raptors radio Service confirmed injuries to play-by-play announcer Matt two of the victims were "considered serious, but not lifethreatening." Hopkinson did not have information on status of the two others injured.

Hopkinson said that identities of the suspects would not be released until they were charged.

Videos shared on social media show thousands of people running in panic.

From the scene, Bruce Arthur of the Toronto Star tweeted that gunshots were fired.

"One witness said four shots. Crowd ran. There is a victim down being given medical attention, surrounded by a crowd, and police are clearing people from the area. Speeches are still going on," he said.

"Crowd on east side running again. Cops said get down. Oh no," he added.

The ceremony was briefly Devlin informed the crowd that there had been an incident, but urged them to remain calm.

'We're here to celebrate, which we will. But I just want everybody to just take a moment, please stay strong. There is an emergency that is being dealt with," Devlin told the assembled crowd.

After about a two-minute delay, the program continued without interruption until its conclusion.

# Tanaka's two-hitter lifts Yankees past Rays



NEW YORK (AP)—Masahiro Tanaka

pitched a two-hitter with 10 strikeouts for his fourth major league shutout, and the New York Yankees beat the Tampa Bay Rays 3-0 on Monday night to increase their slim lead in the AL East.

DJ LeMahieu hit a tworun homer off Yonny Chirinos, and Cameron Maybin (3 for 3) homered in his third consecutive game. That was all a dominant Tanaka (5-5) needed while throwing 76 of 111 pitches for strikes in his seventh complete game since coming over from Japan.

Edwin Encarnación received an enthusiastic ovation in his Yankees debut. Batting fifth as the designated hitter, the veteran slugger went 0 for 4 with a strikeout.

New York moved  $1\frac{1}{2}$  games ahead of the second-place Rays.

Tanaka retired his first nine batters before Austin Meadows singled sharply off the right field wall to start the fourth. A two-out single in the fifth by Willy Adames was Tampa Bay's only other hit. The right-hander walked only one and set down the final 10 Rays batters, striking out six.

## Angels 5, Rays 3

In St. Petersburg, Fla., Charlie Morton had his 21-start unbeaten streak come to an end as Los Angeles topped Tampa Bay.

Angels left-hander Jose Suarez (2-1) went 5 2/3 innings for the win, allowing three runs and five hits, and Hansel Robles worked a perfect ninth for his 10th save. David Fletcher, Justin Bour and Kevan Smith homered for the Angels, who have won two of three in the series.

Morton (8-1), who had won 11 games during his leagueleading unbeaten streak, steadied after a rough start and went six innings, allowing four runs and five hits. He struck out nine and walked two.

### Red Sox 7, Orioles 2

In Baltimore, J.D. Martinez homered for the fourth time in his last three games, and Chris Sale struck out 10 as the Red Sox defeated the Orioles for their fourth straight win.

Sale (3-7) went six strong innings. He allowed two runs on six hits and gave the Red Sox his third straight solid start after struggling at times during the first part of the season.

Baltimore starter Dylan Bundy blanked the Red Sox for the first five innings before Boston got to him for three runs in the sixth. Overall, Bundy (3-8) gave up three runs (two earned) on eight hits in five-plus innings.



## **Cubs 2, Dodgers 1**

In Los Angeles, Anthony Rizzo hit a two-run home run in the top of the ninth inning as Chicago rallied to stun the Dodgers and closer Kenley Jansen.

Three outs away from losing the first three games of the four-game series, the Cubs began their comeback when Kris Bryant was hit by Jansen's first pitch. Rizzo then crushed a 2-0 pitch into the Cubs' bullpen in right field for his team-leading 19th home run of the season. Kyle Ryan (2-1) picked up the victory for the Cubs.

Jansen (2-2) blew his third save of the season and first since May 5 at San Diego. The Cubs' rally spoiled a solid start from the Dodgers' Walker Buehler, who took a no-hitter into the sixth inning and allowed only two hits over seven scoreless innings.

### Mets 8, Cardinals 7

In New York, Pete Alonso's mammoth three-run homer fueled a five-run first inning, and the Mets held off St. Louis.

The Mets snapped a twogame losing streak but might have lost winning pitcher Noah Syndergaard, who exited with none out in the seventh due to a right hamstring strain. Syndergaard (5-4) allowed five runs (four earned) on six hits and two walks while striking out five. Michael Wacha (4-3) allowed six runs (five earned) on seven hits and one walk while striking out four in four innings.

## Giants 8, Brewers 7

In San Francisco, Kevin Pillar had a pair of RBI singles and scored the go-ahead run in the seventh inning, as the Giants edged Milwaukee.

Brandon Crawford collected a season-high three hits, and Stephen Vogt added a careerbest two triples and an RBI infield single in the eighth inning for the Giants, who have won four in a row. Trevor Gott (3-0) got the win in relief.

Christian Yelich belted his major-league-leading 26th homer with two outs in the ninth, and Manny Pina also went deep for the Brewers.

## Phillies 6, Braves 5

In Atlanta, Cesar Hernandez poked a single into left field in the ninth inning to drive in two runs and help the Phillies turn the tables on the Braves with a come-from-behind win.

Hernandez went 2-for-4 and finished with three RBIs, including his seventh home run of the season, to end Atlanta's winning streak at eight. The Braves had beaten Philadelphia with a ninth-inning rally on Friday night.

Atlanta starter Sean Newcomb exited in the third inning after he was struck in the back of the neck by J.T. Realmuto's 102 mph line drive.

## Astros 7, Blue Jays 2

In Houston, rookie sensation Yordan Alvarez slugged another home run, while left-hander Framber Valdez delivered a second consecutive quality start as the Astros downed the Blue Jays.

Alvarez, who added a pair of singles and posted his second consecutive three-hit game, has bashed four homers in five games since his promotion from Triple-A Round Rock last Sunday. Valdez (3-2) allowed two runs on four hits and two walks with eight strikeouts over six innings.

## Rockies 14, Padres 8

In Denver, Charlie Blackmon had four hits for the third straight game, Ian Desmond hit a grand slam and Colorado roughed up San Diego.

Blackmon became the first player in franchise history to have four hits in three straight games, and Desmond finished with five RBIs. German Marquez (7-3) allowed seven runs on 10 hits in 5 2/3 innings, walking four and striking out eight.

Ian Kinsler had three hits and drove in three runs for the Padres, and Manny Machado had two hits before being ejected from the game in the fifth inning.

## Twins 5, Royals 4

In Minneapolis, Marwin Gonzalez and Max Kepler both homered, and Jake Odorizzi won his 10th straight decision as Minnesota rallied to defeat Kansas City

Odorizzi (10-2), who hasn't lost a game since April 10 at the Mets, gave up four runs on seven hits and two walks over six innings, tying his season high in earned runs allowed. Gonzalez finished 2-of-4 with two RBIs and a run scored, and C.J. Cron drove in the winning run with a sixth-inning double.

Whit Merrifield went 4-for-5 with a home run and two runs scored, and Jorge Soler hit a two-run homer for Kansas City.

## Indians 4, Tigers 2

In Detroit, Leonys Martin stole home, and Shane Bieber struck out 12 in 7 2/3 innings as the Indians doubled up the Tigers.

Bieber (6-2), who retired the first 12 batters he faced, allowed two runs on four hits, and Brad Hand recorded his 20th save for the Indians. Martin's bold decision in the eighth inning was the Indians' first straight steal of home plate since Grady Sizemore on Aug. 26, 2005.

Miguel Cabrera had three hits for the Tigers, who have lost 10 of their last 13 games. The Indians broke through with three runs in the fifth against reNew York Yankees starting pitcher Masahiro Tanaka delivers during the first inning of a baseball game against the Tampa Bay Rays, Monday, June 17, 2019, in New York.

liever Nick Ramirez (3-1).

## Athletics 11, Mariners 2

In Oakland, Marcus Semien and Jurickson Profar each went 3-for-4, with Semien hitting a home run and Profar driving in four runs, as the Athletics romped over the Mariners.

Athletics right-hander Frankie Montas (9-2) pitched six quality innings, allowing two runs on six hits with one walk and nine strikeouts.

Mariners opener Gerson Bautista (0-1) lasted just twothirds of an inning, giving up two hits and walking three while striking out one.

## Diamondbacks 10, Nationals 3

In Washington, Ketel Marte hit two solo home runs, and Adam Jones and Christian Walker also went deep off Stephen Strasburg as the Diamondbacks routed the Nationals.

Nick Ahmed had four hits and scored twice for Arizona, which went deep five times overall. Reliever Yoshihisa Hirano (3-3) got the win in relief.

Strasburg (7-4) gave up four homers in a game for just the second time in his career.

### Marlins 4, Pirates 3

In Miami, Garrett Cooper went 3-for-4 and scored the tiebreaking run in the fifth, leading the Marlins past the Pirates.

Pablo Lopez (5-5) earned the win, allowing seven hits, one walk and three runs in seven innings, striking out four. Nick Anderson pitched a scoreless eighth, and Sergio Romo earned his 12th save with a seven-pitch ninth.

## Rangers 4, Reds 3

In Cincinnati, Jeff Mathis had an RBI single among his two hits, and Mike Minor tossed 6 1/3 strong innings as the Rangers edged the Reds.

Shin-Soo Choo and Asdrubal Cabrera each had an RBI single, and Danny Santana added a pair of hits for the Rangers, who took advantage of three errors to win for the 21st time in their last 31 games. Minor (6-4) was tagged for three runs on four hits with four walks and six strikeouts.

Cincinnati rookie Nick Senzel exited the game with two outs in the fifth inning after he fouled a pitch that caromed off both the ground and his foot before hitting the lid of his helmet near his left eye.

# For USMNT, Gold Cup brings chance for revival

BLAINE, Minn. (AP)—The overarching goal for the fledgling U.S. men's soccer team, as frequently stated by new coach Gregg Berhalter, has been to improve the perception of this sputtering program within the cutthroat hierarchy of global soccer.

Though a strong performance in the CONCACAF Gold Cup probably won't move the needle much, the Americans surely would benefit, simply, from winning.

Their opening game against Guyana on Tuesday night at Allianz Field in St. Paul, the new home of Major League Soccer's Minnesota United, will mark the first competitive match for the U.S. since the infamous defeat at Trinidad and Tobago on Oct. 10, 2017, that kept the team for qualifying for the 2018 World Cup. It follows a stretch of 18 consecutive friendlies.

"There will be some nerves, but for us it's just about continuing to make progress throughout this tournament," Berhalter said last week after a training session at the National Sports Center in Blaine, a suburb of Minneapolis. "I think part of our profession is playing under pressure, playing in big events, and this is a great opportunity for us to learn."

The 20-month gap between competitive games is the longest for the Americans since a 38-month span following a loss to Costa Rica on May 31, 1985, their final qualifier for the 1986 World Cup. Their next match that counted was a draw at Jamaica on July 24, 1988, their first qualifier for the 1990 World Cup.

The U.S. won the biennial Gold Cup in 2017, a sixth title in 14 editions of the championship of North and Central America and the Caribbean. Mexico, the clear favorite, has won seven such crowns.



Before any mental energy can be spent on assessing the ability to compete with their border rival to the south, though, the Americans, who are ranked 30th in the world, must advance from the group stage. On the surface, Panama (75th), Trinidad and Tobago (92nd) and Guyana (177th) don't appear to be daunting competition, but the way the U.S. team played this month in exhibition losses to Jamaica (1-0) and Venezuela (3-0) there will be no guarantees of automatic wins. The Americans are missing injured players DeAndre Yedlin, John Brooks and Tyler Adams, all first-choice starters.

"If it doesn't go well you can just GOLD feel that more pressure is going to build, more questions will be asked, more scrutiny will be on Berhalter and the federation, and the outside noise is only going to get louder," said former U.S.

midfielder Stu Holden, now a Fox analyst. "That's why it's really important that this team has a really good showing in this tournament."

With the U.S. women leading their side of the world CUP rankings and off to a dominant start this month in France at the Women's World Cup, the men's team won't be able to avoid the comparison game. The Americans can't mute the fan angst that has followed

them for nearly two years, either, but they can at least take a meaningful step forward in the Berhalter era by displaying some potential within the pressing, possession-prioritized style he has rolled out.

"We want to progress. Of course that also means winning the games, but we want to develop our style," midfielder Weston McKennie said. "Our goal is to make people see U.S. Soccer as something different as what they see now, probably."

United States' Christian Pulisic, left, and Italy's Stefano Sensi fight for the ball during the international friendly soccer match at the Cristal Arena in Genk, Belgium, Tuesday, Nov. 20, 2018.

McKennie is one of the 20-year-old up-and-comers the program has staked itself to in the quest to not only return to the World Cup in 2022 but do some damage on the sport's biggest stage. The other, of course, is Christian Pulisic, who is joining English Premier League power Chelsea from Germany's Borussia Dortmund for a \$73 million transfer fee. That is a record price for an American player.

Veterans of the national side like Jozy Altidore and Michael Bradley are still around. among just six holdovers from the roster that went to Trinidad. They are joined by Pulisic, defenders Omar Gonzalez and Tim Ream, and forward Paul Arriola on what has become a youngster's team. Getting this team in sync, socially and psychologically, might be just as important of a task for Berhalter as with the technical implementation of his system.

"In warmups, they have to give each other high-fives," Berhalter said. "We do team events off the field, like going to movies together and going to restaurants together. I think that's really important to build that team chemistry."

Now more than ever.

"Everyone right now outside has their opinions about us, and the past couple of games, and that's perfectly fine," forward Paul Arriola said. "For us the message stays the game, and it's staying together as a team. That's how you're going to win an international tournament."



P E B B L E BEACH—Tiger Woods is set to arrive at next month's Open

Championship without have played any prep events following his tie for 21st in the US Open.

Woods, 43, has flown out to Thailand for a fortnight's holiday, but will then eschew the opportunity to take in a competitive tournament before Portrush. The tactic will raise eyebrows as Woods skipped straight from his victory at the Masters to the USPGA and ended up missing the cut at Bethpage.

However with family commitments and the belief he requires a rest before embarking on a busy summer that could see him play five times in six weeks, Woods will attempt going back-to-back again. "I'll

Woods may skip any ( play at home, yeah," Woods said with a smile when asked if he would play before Northern

Ireland's first major in 68 years. "It's just trying to wind down from the championship as well as [get in the gym] and getting back into it," Woods said. "And I know that Florida will not be the same temperature as Northern Ireland. I'm not going to be practising with any sweaters at home, but it will be nice to get to Portrush and get with it again. I've never been there and will need to do my homework."

Woods will take the positives from his best final round at the US Open in 10 years, despite a torrid start to the round. He bogeved four of the first six holes, but played the last 12 holes in six-under for a 69.

Another member of the world's top five taking optimism from Pebble Beach regardless of his finishing position is England's Justin Rose. He was level with eventual champion Gary Woodland after birdieing the first, but made four bogeys in eight holes from the eighth to struggle to a 74 and a seven-under total in a tie for third. In truth, Rose was labouring with his swing all week and only his short-game rescued him.

"I'm proud of the fact I even gave myself a chance," Rose said. "I didn't have my 'A' game this week. And to contend in a major with no game, really, I take the positive from that."

Open prep events There were three other Englishmen in the Top 15 with Matt Fitzpatrick, Danny Willett and Matt Wallace all on five-under. Rory McIlroy shot a 72 to finish in a tie for ninth and the fact he declined to speak to media afterwards seemed to sum up his verdict on his Sunday.

## **Golfer gets diploma** at US Open

Brandon Wu walked out of scoring Sunday at the U.S. Open and over to a spot behind the 18th green overlooking the Pacific Ocean. It was there that Stu Francis, chair of the championship committee, handed Wu his Stanford diploma. Wu didn't get to walk with his classmates at Stanford Stadium, but competing alongside Dustin Johnson on Sunday at Pebble Beach was pretty cool too.

"I'm happy I played today," said Wu, smiling.

In the past month, Wu helped Stanford to a national title, qualified for the U.S. Open, represented the U.S. at the Palmer Cup and claimed a share of 35th in his U.S. Open debut.

After taking a few weeks off, the 22-year-old plans to attempt to qualify for the British Open then resume his amateur schedule with the goal of making the Walker Cup team. He plans to turn professional later this year.

"The crowds were yelling at me all day about graduation,"

said Wu, "so it was pretty cool to get this kind of ceremony at the end here."

Wu's family was on hand for his "graduation," as were several Cardinal golfers. Henry Shimp, Wu's teammate and roommate, was in charge of finding Wu's cap and gown buried in a pile of clothes for the makeshift ceremony.

"I guess Wu didn't buy the sash that has the Stanford logo and all on it," said Shimp, "which I feel is the nicest part."

Wu went 3-0 in match play at the NCAA Championship at Blessings Golf Club in Arkansas back when school was still in session. He graduated with a degree in product design, noting that an electrical engineering class was among his most difficult.

"That was pretty brutal," said Wu, "with circuits."

# Undefeated US faces Sweden in test match

**PARIS**—Two first-round games, two lopsided wins against overmatched foes for the United States women's national team so far at the World Cup. Now, with six points and a spot in knockout stage already secured, things are about to get real for the Americans.

Sweden awaits the defending champions on Thursday in the northern city of Le Havre, with the top spot in Group F on the line. As unstoppable as the favorites looked after beating up on Thailand and Chile by a combined 16-0 scoreline, this match will be far different. It will be played against a peer.

Sweden was the only team the U.S. didn't beat on the way to a third World Cup title four years ago, thanks to a scoreless draw in the group phase in Canada. At the 2016 Olympics in Rio de Janeiro, the Swedes knocked the Americans out of the tournament on penalties in the quarterfinals, marking the first time in a generation that the latter didn't take home the gold medal.

Thursday's meeting isn't do or die. But it will be the first real test of the competition for FIFA's No. 1-ranked side, and it will paint a much more accurate picture of how good coach Jill Ellis's team really is heading into the win-or-gohome second stage.

"In terms of getting us prepared," Ellis said Sunday, "I think it's a perfect game."



Unlike the first two opponents here, the Swedes match up well physically with the U.S. They have big-time experience, both individually at the club level and as a unit in major international events. Their roster is stocked

49-41, and Tinian routed the Ol'Aces II, 49-30.

Dela Cruz had 12 points in Tinian's easy win, while Tyler Santos and Robert Reyes contributed 9 apiece.

As for the Rollers, Steve King tallied a game-high 14 markers, while Bailey Travis added 10.

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**OL'ACES** 

combined for 15 points.

recording 11 markers.

Greg Deleon Guerrero led

In the U18 division, the

Rollers topped the Ol'Aces 1,

the Ol'Aces' losing cause after

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played in the same age group and finished third after stunning No. 4 seed Jacob Jackson in the consolation match. Elliot won the battle for third place, too in the girls U14 singles to make the grade for POJC, while Gregoire was ranked second (with FSM's Isabella Sipos) in the girls U16 doubles and third in the singles. Woo got an automatic ticket to the Fiji tournament, as he advanced to the finals of both the boys U14 singles and doubles events last year.

Northern Mariana Islands Tennis Association official Jeff Race is happy with the eight players bound for the POJC, but believes the CNMI could have gotten more slots.

"We had a lot of close games that could have gone our way. We could have done better," said Race, who brought 13 players to Fiji in last year's competition.

"With our team losing close matches, these could serve as motivation for our players to train and work harder next year because Palau, Guam, and FSM are catching up on us. I commend our competitors for their very good performance in the North Pacific Regional Championships. Guam did a great job in the U12 team event and FSM also stepped up in the other divisions," the long-time CNMI head coach added.

Meanwhile, Race is seeking wild cards in the POJC for three players—Jun Wang, Anthony Gregoire, and Serin Chung—who prevailed in their respective ranking matches.

In the POJC, Race's players will be battling representatives of the Cook Islands, Norfolk Islands, Tahiti, and Samoa of the East Pacific and Fiji, Vanuatu, Kiribati, Solomon Islands, and Papua New Guinea of the West Pacific.

with professional players, just like the U.S.

"Sweden is a fantastic team, good transition team, strong, pacy team, good on set-pieces," Ellis said. "Different demands than what we've just experienced."

That Ellis is expected to go back to the full-strength lineup she used in the opener, rather than a combination of the players who have scored 16 times and conceded none, speaks to how seriously she's taking the challenge.

One Swedish journalist even suggested that Sweden has a psychological advantage given recent results. "We've gotten some big wins against them, too," U.S. defender Becky Sauerbrunn quickly pointed out.

The circumstances surrounding the tilt only add to the intrigue. An argument can be made that going all-out in the first-round finale is unwise for the U.S. By winning the group they would almost certainly end up on the tougher side of the bracket, counterintuitive as the overall idea might seem.

They'd likely face China or Spain in the round of 16. China isn't the elite adversary it was when the U.S. beat them in that famous 1999 final, but three of the last four meetings between the countries **FRANCE 2019** The Germans will have been decided

by a single goal, including a 1-0 win at the same stage in 2015. Spain, a traditional men's power considered an up-and-comer in the women's game, narrowly lost to the Americans in January.

### **Germany 4, South Africa O**

Germany is playing like a title contender, just at the right time.

After seeing her team start the Women's World Cup with a pair of one-goal wins, Germany Coach Martina Voss-Tecklenburg told her players to keep the game simple.

Germany played to its status as the world's secondranked team and one of the top challengers hoping to dethrone the United States, routing South Africa on Monday in Montpellier, France, to top Group B with a 3-0 record.

play a third-place team in the Round of 16, avoiding an immediate

matchup with the Americans.

### Norway 2, **South Korea 1**

Norway knocked South Korea out of the tournament by scoring on two penalties.

Caroline Graham Hansen scored after five minutes, and Isabell Herlovsen beat goalkeeper Kim Min-jung from the spot six minutes into the second half.

Yeo Min-ji converted in the 78th minute but couldn't ignite a South Korean comeback.

South Korea went 0-3 in France with one goal while allowing eight. Norway advanced to the round of 16 as the runner-up in Group A, which was won by France.

## Spain O, China O

Spain and China played to a scoreless draw in Le Havre that advanced both squads to the Round of 16.

Spain finished second in Group B behind Germany. La Roja advanced to the knockout stage for the first time and will face the winner of Group F on Monday at Reims—likely the United States if the Americans win or draw in their final group match against Sweden.

Defender Celia Jiménez said it doesn't matter which team Spain will face because they are all good.

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cal director. But Mita said he is pushing the team harder because the Marianas Cup is just around the corner.

"We will need to accelerate now that the Marianas Cup is only one month away. This year, we have a very good combination of younger players who are developing and players who are more experienced. Players like Enrico Del Rosario and Christopher Aninzo, who have played for

CNMI National Team and are now playing overseas, bring high standards, great attitude, and maturity to our squad. They are good influence to the younger players. If the younger players learn and catch up to the level of these experienced and hardworking players, the team will grow to the next level," said Mita.

Some U23 players will join the training camp in Japan and will also suit up for the U19 team that will play Guam in the Marianas Cup.

In the training camp, Mita said they will have matches against the varsity team of St. Catherine University (playing in the second division of Shikoku University League) and Ehime University (first division). The Commonwealth players will be reunited with Ryu Tanzawa, who played for the CNMI Men's National Team and is now a member of the St. Catherine University squad.

The Blue Ayuyus will also take on two high school/ vouth teams—the

High suyama Technical School and FC Imabari Youth. The two squads are among the top-ranked groups in Shikoku region.

"The intensified training and matches with very competitive teams will give our players the opportunity to enhance their techniques and skills. Additionally, I would like the players to experience a different culture and see the attitudes of competitive players—how they approach training and games," Mita said.

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## Blue Ayuyus to intensify prep for 2 tourneys

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The CNMI Men's U19 National Team will head to Japan next week for a training camp in preparation for the 2019 Marianas Cup and AFC U19 Championship 2020 Qualifiers.

The training camp will be held from June 25 to July 2 at the St. Catherine University in Matsuyama with coach Michiteru Mita's players scheduled to challenge four

Japanese teams.

"The

primary purpose of the camp

Football Association "The ready for Marianas Cup and the AFC U19 Championship 2020 Qualifiers so we will be having intensified trainings," Mita said.

The Marianas Cup will be played in Guam on July 20, while the AFC qualifier will take place in Cambodia from Nov. 2 to 10 with the CNMI in Group G and competing

against the host country, Northern Brunei, Thailand, and Mariana Islands Malaysia.

> camp is designed so that the players can grow and step up as a team. With the new U19 national team, we are trying a new play style. So, during the training camp we will be testing and refining the play style, too," said Mita, who facilitates the squad's regular practice sessions at the NMI Soccer Training Center in Koblerville.

> The crew trains almost every day and is picking up speed, according to the Northern Mariana Islands Football Association techni-

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The CNMI Boys U19 National Team's Sunjoon Tenorio, left, looks to kick the ball during their game against The B Bank in the 2019 Spring Men's M-League at the NMI Soccer Training Center in Koblerville. Tenorio and company are now preparing for the Blue Ayuyus' participation in the Marianas Cup and AFC U19 Championship 2020 Qualifiers.

# 8 CNMI players to compete in Fiji



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Sam Ryu eyes a return to Sean Lee during their boys U16 title game in the 2018 CNMI Junior Championships at the American Memorial Park tennis courts. Ryu and Lee met anew in the finals of last week's 2019 North Pacific Regional Championships.

By ROSELYN B. MONROYO

ight CNMI junior tennis players earned slots on the North Pacific Team that will see action in the 2019 Pacific Oceania Junior Championships in Fiji.



Sean Lee, Sam Ryu, Maria Gregoire, Daniel Kang, David Kwon, Helen Kim,

Hyejin Elliot, and Jimin Woo made it on the select squad and will be teaming up with Guam, the Federated States of Micronesia, and Palau players as they go up against the representatives of East and West groups in the POJC that will run from July 25 to Aug. 3.

Lee qualified for the annual tournament after winning the boys U16 singles title in the 2019 North Pacific Regional Championships held on Saipan last week. He also took the doubles crown after partnering with Ryu, who incidentally was the runner-up in singles play. Kang and Kim were also runners-up in the boys and girls U14 singles, while Kwon

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## Ol'Aces, Rollers A prevail

By ROSELYN B. MONROYO



The Ol'Aces and Rollers A posted trasting wins in the Pacific

Amusement/NMI Rollers Youth Basketball Tournament last Saturday at the Koblerville Gymnasium.

The Rollers A nosed out Chinatown Titans in the U16 game, 29-28, while the Ol'Aces eased past Tinian in the U14 match, 59-16.

Angel Roligat top-scored in the Ol'Aces' lopsided victory after drilling 11 points. He drew a lot of help from his teammates, as Harry Kapwich, Craig Padayao, and Taisei Desebel chipped in 9 apiece.

No Tinian player delivered double figures, as Lana King managed to make only 8 markers.

In the Rollers A-Chinatown Titans tiff, Florencio Richards, Tars Kapwich, Ian Manglona, Rexson Calage, and Denzel Pangelinan hit important baskets in the second half to lift the former to a close win.

In other results in the U16 division, Tinian outclassed the Ol'Aces, 36-30.

Jared King paced Tinian with his 10 points, while Leo Epity and Sirlashu Dela Cruz



ROSELYN B. MONROYO Bailey Spaeth plays for the Rollers in the Pacific Amusement/ NMI Rollers Youth Basketball Tournament and scored 10 points in their 49-41 win over the Ol'Aces 1 last Saturday at the Koblerville Gymnasium.

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